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Amid high inflation, RBI retains repo rate at 6.5%

Monetary Policy Committee takes note of slowdown in growth momentum, downgrades growth and inflation estimates for 2024-25; persistent inflation deflates consumption and growth, says Das

Lalatendu Mishra
MUMBAI

The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Friday held steadfast in its battle against inflation amid weakening growth momentum, with four of six members voting to keep policy repo rate unchanged at 6.50% for the 11th bi-monthly review in a row.

However, acknowledging that the economy is facing tight liquidity conditions that are likely to persist for a few months, it cut the Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) for banks by 50 basis points to 4%, after a gap of two and half years, in a bid to support growth.

While divisions within the MPC on a *status quo* on rates expanded from the 5:1 vote in October, the panel was unanimous on sticking to a 'neutral' stance and remaining unambiguously focused on a durable alignment of inflation with its 4% target, while supporting growth. Inflation had spiked to a 14-month high of 6.2% in October, the last available price rise number.

"The MPC took note of the recent slowdown in the growth momentum, which translates into a downward revision in the growth forecast for the current year. Going forward into the second half of this year and the next year, the MPC assessed the growth outlook to be resilient, but warranting close monitoring," RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das said in his statement.

Noting the RBI's mandate is to ensure price stability while supporting growth, he said persistently high inflation reduced the disposable income of consumers and dented private consumption which negatively impacted the real GDP growth.

Real GDP growth in the July to September quarter fell to a seven-quarter low of 5.4%, compared to RBI's 7% projection, and the MPC has now downgraded the growth forecast for 2024-25 to 6.6% from 7.2%.

Similarly, with inflation increasing sharply in September and October led by an unanticipated increase in food prices, the retail inflation for 2024-25 has now been projected at 4.8% compared to the 4.5% average projected till October.

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Balancing act

The RBI on Friday tried to find a balance between inflation management and supporting economic growth

- The RBI kept the repo rate **unchanged at 6.5%** for a record 11th meeting in a row
- The Cash Reserve Ratio — the proportion of deposits that banks must set aside with the central bank — has been cut by **50 basis points to 4%**
- The cut will infuse **₹1.16 lakh crore** into the banking system and will soften short-term interest rates and enhance capacity of banks to extend credit

Vikram Misri to visit Dhaka on Monday as tensions mount

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

In India's first high-level diplomatic outreach to Bangladesh since the fall of the Sheikh Hasina-led regime, Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri will visit Dhaka on December 9, the Ministry of External Affairs announced on Friday. His visit is part of "structured interactions" with Bangladesh, MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said.

Mr. Misri's day-long visit comes against the backdrop of a heated war of words between the two countries that has escalated in recent weeks, especially regarding attacks against the Hindu minority in Bangladesh.

On Friday, Bangladesh called back its Acting Deputy High Commissioner Shikdar Mohammad Ashrafur Rahman in Kolkata, and Arif Mohammad, Assistant High Commissioner in its Agartala mission, for "urgent consultation", after a Hindu group committed an act of vandalism at the Assistant High Commission of Bangladesh in Tripura's capital Agartala.

Bangladesh condemned the incident and India expressed "regret" but the Indian High Commissioner to Dhaka, Pranay Verma, was still summoned to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Dhaka on Wednesday.

Vikram Misri

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Minority tag: Criterion on student admissions scrapped

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In a major decision, the State government on Friday scrapped the criterion of a minimum number of students required from a minority community to grant the religious minority tag to higher education institutions.

At present, institutions offering higher education and technical education have to provide admission to 50% of students belonging to the minority religion to get the religious minority institution tag.

Impact
The relaxation of the rule would increase the number of non-minority students in the institutions run by minorities.

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Wet-weather wizardry: why Verstappen's mastery in the rain is a point of difference

The Dutch driver's performance in soggy Interlagos was a defining moment in the 2024 title race. It also reinforced his reputation as the best of his generation, evoking memories of how Senna, Schumacher and Hamilton conquered treacherous conditions

S. Dipak Ragav

One of the innate charms of watching professional outdoor sport is recognising how highly skilled athletes perform in a wide range of conditions, handling the vagaries of nature.

In cricket or tennis, overcast weather can affect how the ball moves through the air, requiring players to tinker with their technique. It can sometimes throw even the best off their game.

Extreme adaptation

When football, hockey and rugby are played in the rain, the challenge is not markedly dissimilar to normal conditions. However, nothing comes close to motorsport in terms of the extreme adaptation required of an athlete when racing on a wet track.

Over the years, some of the most iconic races or drives in Formula One have occurred in wet/mixed conditions, where the chance of peril is far higher than on regular weekends in the dry.

More often than not, a driver's most memorable race win or podium finish will invariably be the one achieved in such challenging conditions. These conditions often separate the elite from the merely good or very good.

In 2024, F1 saw a fairly intense title battle between Max Verstappen and Lando Norris before the former prevailed. A pivotal race in which Verstappen snuffed out a late challenge from Norris came at the Sao Paulo GP, which played out in treacherous conditions.

Starting 17th, the Dutchman charged from the back of the grid to take his eighth win of the year even as Norris went from first to sixth.

It was a masterclass in wet-weather driving that saw Verstappen climb 11 places in the first 12 laps. Granted, the fortunate timing of the red flag allowed him to jump a few cars, but once racing resumed, he quickly picked off Esteban Ocon's Alpine. Verstappen then rapidly built an almost-20-second gap to Ocon in second place, lapping at nearly a second faster than anyone.

Not only did Verstappen increase his gap in the standings, ending Norris' challenge for all practical purposes, but the performance also reinforced his reputation as the best driver of his generation, putting him on the pathway to becoming an all-time great.

A good drive in damp conditions outshines one in the dry because the conditions can sometimes reduce the gap between a perfect car and a good one since the grip available becomes a limiting factor. In these situations, the driver's role becomes all the more crucial.

"Someone very important to all of us said a long time ago that in the rain, the cars are almost equal. And that phrase didn't age at all," said Ocon after the race in Brazil.

In normal dry conditions, most racers follow a similar line around the circuit known as the racing line. It is the fastest way around, and the fact that almost every car uses it means a lot of tyre rubber is laid on that section, increasing the grip as the event unfolds. But in the wet, the racing line isn't always the fastest way. Sometimes, going off the standard line could be a better option. This is because the laid-down rubber becomes slippery when rain falls on it.

Instead of following the racing line, drivers will try different lines to find the most ideal way around. It is where good drivers who have an intuitive feel for the changing grip level excel.

> Where we come from, it definitely rains a bit more. You go out, you practise, you get more comfortable, you tune your skills. And you carry that, you evolve and become even better
>
> **MAX VERSTAPPEN**

GETTY IMAGES

> You have to have a much more sensitive feel for what the car is doing because the grip level is so much lower. You must have a careful finesse to your driving
>
> **MARK SLADE**
> Race engineer

Handling unpredictability

Some of the most iconic drives in F1 have come in such conditions, contributing to the legend of some of the greats. The aura of people like Ayrton Senna and Michael Schumacher was built to an extent on their wet-weather prowess and ability to do things that not many of their peers could do on the racetrack.

Race engineer Mark Slade, who has worked with Mika Hakkinen, Kimi Raikkonen, and Schumacher, offered an insight into how much difference a driver can make in such conditions. "Driver gets more responsibility in this situation. He is experiencing the conditions first-hand. It is far less predictable than a dry race. He has all the cards and has to play. We can help him but can't help him as much as we can in a dry race because we don't know what will happen," said Slade in an F1 Explains podcast episode in 2023.

One of Senna's iconic victories came in Donington (European GP) 1993, when he breezed past four cars, including the all-conquering Williams, on the opening lap on a damp track in his inferior McLaren. The lap is now fondly termed a lap of the gods. He then won the race by lapping everyone but second-placed Damon Hill (in a Williams) with a staggering margin of 83 seconds.

In 2008, Lewis Hamilton's first British GP win came in a wet-weather race, where he lapped a few seconds per lap faster than everyone, including his teammate Heikki Kovalainen. Hamilton finished 68 seconds ahead of second-place Nick Heidfeld, lapped everyone from fourth downwards and did not put a foot wrong.

For Schumacher, nicknamed the Regenmeister (or Rainmaster), arguably the best drive of his career came in atrocious conditions at the 1996 Spanish GP. On a soaking wet tarmac, Schumacher dropped to sixth on the opening lap before taking the lead on lap 13 and finishing 45 seconds ahead of the field in a woefully uncompetitive Ferrari.

"In dry conditions, you can overcome things with bravery," Slade said. "In the wet, it is a different sort of bravery. You can't throw the car in hard and try to get away with it like on a dry track. You have to have a much more sensitive feel for what the car is doing because the grip level is so much lower, and must have fast reflexes. [It requires] a very instinctive way of driving.

"Some people are used to dealing with a car on a low-grip surface, the way it moves and how they have to react. You can't be aggressive in wet conditions. You must have a careful finesse to your driving."

Tricky debate

This brings us to the debate on whether a driver must be remarkable in such conditions to be considered elite. While it is a tricky topic and hugely subjective depending on varying factors, a case could be made for weighting performances in such conditions.

Nico Rosberg won the 2016 drivers' title, but that year, in wet conditions, in races like Monaco and Brazil, the gap to his teammate Hamilton showed why the latter is considered an all-time great.

At the highest level, the difference between the top drivers is marginal at best. But Verstappen showed in Interlagos – piercing through the field despite being put on the back foot and thriving in adverse conditions when forced to be more innovative – why he, like the greats before him, is considered the creme de la creme.

STACKING UP

ATP Men's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Jannik Sinner	23	11,830	17
2	Alexander Zverev	27	7,915	21
3	Carlos Alcaraz	21	7,010	18
4	Taylor Fritz	27	5,100	22
5	Daniil Medvedev	28	5,030	17
6	Casper Ruud	25	4,255	25
7	Novak Djokovic	37	3,910	18
8	Andrey Rublev	27	3,760	27
9	Alex de Minaur	25	3,745	23
10	Grigor Dimitrov	33	3,350	19
11	Stefanos Tsitsipas	26	3,165	22
12	Tommy Paul	27	3,145	21
13	Holger Rune	21	3,025	23
14	Ugo Humbert	26	2,765	26
15	Jack Draper	22	2,685	22

Top Indians ▶

Sumit Nagal
Rank 98 ▼ 4 spots

Ramkumar Ramanathan
Rank 350 ▼ 41 spots

WTA Women's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Aryna Sabalenka	26	9,416	21
2	Iga Swiatek	23	8,370	21
3	Coco Gauff	20	6,530	22
4	Jasmine Paolini	28	5,344	20
5	Qinwen Zheng	22	5,340	21
6	Elena Rybakina	25	5,171	20
7	Jessica Pegula	30	4,705	19
8	Emma Navarro	23	3,589	25
9	Daria Kasatkina	27	3,368	24
10	Barbora Krejcikova	28	3,214	17
11	Danielle Collins	30	3,178	19
12	Paula Badosa	27	2,908	20
13	Diana Shnaider	20	2,895	27
14	Anna Kalinskaya	25	2,743	20
15	Jelena Ostapenko	27	2,588	21

Top Indians ▶

Ankita Raina
Rank 287 ▲ 4 spots

Sahaja Yamalapalli
Rank 311 ▲ 2 spots

F1 Drivers' standings

#	Driver	Team	Points	Wins
1	Max Verstappen	Red Bull	429	9
2	Lando Norris	McLaren	349	3
3	Charles Leclerc	Ferrari	341	3
4	Oscar Piastri	McLaren	291	2
5	Carlos Sainz	Ferrari	272	2
6	George Russell	Mercedes	235	2
7	Lewis Hamilton	Mercedes	211	2
8	Sergio Perez	Red Bull	152	0
9	Fernando Alonso	Aston Martin	68	0
10	Nico Hulkenberg	Haas	37	0
11	Pierre Gasly	Alpine	36	0
12	Yuki Tsunoda	RB	30	0
13	Lance Stroll	Aston Martin	24	0
14	Esteban Ocon	Alpine	23	0
15	Kevin Magnussen	Haas	16	0
16	Alex Albon	Williams	12	0
17	Daniel Ricciardo	RB	12	0
18	Oliver Bearman	Haas	7	0
19	Franco Colapinto	Williams	5	0
20	Zhou Guanyu	Sauber	4	0
21	Liam Lawson	RB	4	0

Max Verstappen

Lando Norris

F1 Constructors' standings

Pos	Team	Points	Wins
1	McLaren	640	5
2	Ferrari	619	5
3	Red Bull	581	9
4	Mercedes	446	4
5	Aston Martin	92	0
6	Alpine	59	0
7	Haas	54	0
8	RB	46	0
9	Williams	17	0
10	Sauber	4	0

Badminton Men's ranking

#	Player	Points	Events
1	Shi Yu Qi	99,215	14
2	Anders Antonsen	93,821	20
3	Viktor Axelsen	92,290	14
4	Jonatan Christie	85,947	17
5	Kunlavut Vitidsarn	81,408	17
6	Li Shi Feng	76,896	18
7	Kodai Naraoka	76,847	20
8	Lee Zii Jia	76,256	19
9	Chou Tien Chen	71,497	26
10	Anthony Sinisuka Ginting	68,305	16
11	Koki Watanabe	64,374	18
12	Lakshya Sen	63,668	17
13	Loh Kean Yew	61,333	21
14	Lin Chun-Yi	61,071	22
15	Kenta Nishimoto	58,212	23

Top Indians ▶

Lakshya Sen
Rank 12

Prannoy H. S.
Rank 26

Badminton Women's ranking

#	Player	Points	Events
1	An Se Young	107,667	12
2	Wang Zhi Yi	92,815	19
3	Chen Yu Fei	88,982	10
4	Akane Yamaguchi	86,157	14
5	Tai Tzu Ying	79,021	12
6	Gregoria Mariska Tunjung	76,762	19
7	Carolina Marin	74,996	10
8	Han Yue	74,249	21
9	Aya Ohori	69,497	21
10	Supanida Katethong	64,764	21
11	Tomoka Miyazaki	62,637	18
12	Busanan Ongbamrungphan	61,630	23
13	Yeo Jia Min	60,550	17
14	Pornpawee Chochuwong	60,304	21
15	Beiwen Zhang	58,376	18

Top Indians ▶

P.V. Sindhu
Rank 16

Malvika Bansod
Rank 32

Test Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Joe Root	895	932
2	Harry Brook	854	854
3	Kane Williamson	830	919
4	Yashasvi Jaiswal	825	825
5	Daryl Mitchell	753	804
6	Rishabh Pant	736	801
7	Kamindu Mendis	733	733
8	Steve Smith	726	947
9	Saud Shakeel	724	728
10	Temba Bavuma	715	715

Test Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Jasprit Bumrah	883	883
2	Kagiso Rabada	865	902
3	Josh Hazlewood	860	864
4	R. Ashwin	807	904
5	Pat Cummins	796	914
6	Ravindra Jadeja	794	899
7	Nathan Lyon	782	801
8	Prabath Jayasuriya	780	801
9	Marco Jansen	774	774
10	Matt Henry	772	772

ODI Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Babar Azam	809	898
2	Rohit Sharma	765	882
3	Shubman Gill	763	847
4	Virat Kohli	746	909
5	Harry Tector	737	767
6	Daryl Mitchell	706	750
7	Rahmanullah Gurbaz	693	693
8	Pathum Nissanka	671	728
9	Shai Hope	665	802
10	Charith Asalanka	660	683

ODI Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Rashid Khan	687	799
2	Shaheen Afridi	675	696
3	Keshav Maharaj	674	741
4	Kuldeep Yadav	665	760
5	Bernard Scholtz	654	659
6	Maheesh Theekshana	650	650
7	Jasprit Bumrah	645	838
8	Mohammed Siraj	643	736
9	Adam Zampa	635	698
10	Josh Hazlewood	634	727

T20I Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Travis Head	855	884
2	Philip Salt	828	860
3	Tilak Varma	806	806
4	Suryakumar Yadav	788	910
5	Babar Azam	742	896
6	Jos Buttler	717	726
7	Yashasvi Jaiswal	706	779
8	Mohammad Rizwan	704	875
9	Pathum Nissanka	672	698
10	Rahmanullah Gurbaz	636	748

T20I Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Adil Rashid	701	746
2	Wanindu Hasaranga	696	797
3	Adam Zampa	693	743
4	Akeal Hosein	689	695
5	Maheesh Theekshana	684	684
6	Gudakesh Motie	673	707
7	Rashid Khan	668	816
8	Ravi Bishnoi	666	699
9	Arshdeep Singh	656	656
10	Fazalhaq Farooqi	645	692

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Chief of Bureau (Tamil Nadu), The Hindu (Moderator)

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22-12-2024	Webinar 1	Dr Nitin Kekre Dr Rohit Sethi	Urology	Recurrent Urinary Tract Infection in Women - Management & Prevention
05-01-2025	Webinar 2	Dr Seshadri Dr Sai Krishna Chaitanya	Endocrinology	Prevention of Osteoporosis - Emphasis on diet and exercise
26-01-2025	Webinar 3	Dr Aravindan Nair Dr Tushar Yeswanth Sonnavanae	General Surgery	Thyroid Disorders - what the common man needs to know about prevention and early detection
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23-02-2025	Webinar 5	Dr Raja	Rheumatology	Early diagnosis prevention and treatment of arthritis
09-03-2025	Webinar 6	Dr Jacob Jose Dr Suresh Kumar	Cardiac Sciences	Blood pressure what you need to know?
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KSRTC nets ₹5.5 crore via cashless payments in a month

The initiative, introduced on November 6, equipped buses with advanced Electronic Ticketing Machines capable of accepting UPI payments as well as debit and credit cards

Darshan Devaiah B.P.
BENGALURU

The Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation's (KSRTC) introduction of cashless payment systems across its bus services has received a good response from passengers. Within the first month of implementing digital ticketing, KSRTC collected over ₹5.5 crore through Unified Payments Interface (UPI) transactions.

In response to long-standing passenger demands, the KSRTC has adopted cashless payment systems across its bus services. The initiative, introduced on November 6, equipped KSRTC buses with advanced Electronic Ticketing Machines capable of accepting UPI payments as well as debit and credit cards.

According to data accessed by *The Hindu*, between November 6 and November 30, the corporation collected ₹3.63 crore. In the first five days of December, daily collections ranged from ₹34 lakh to ₹42 lakh, with over 30,000 transactions recorded on December 3 alone.

"This initiative is to enhance passenger convenience by promoting digital payments and reducing cash handling in KSRTC buses. The corporation's successful transition to digital ticketing by collecting ₹5.5 crore in a month, highlights its adaptability and the public's readiness for cashless solutions," Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy told *The Hindu*.

A KSRTC crew member displaying the ETM that is now being used in buses. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Resolving disputes

KSRTC has stated that the introduction of UPI payment options aims to streamline daily commutes by eliminating the need for cash and resolving frequent disputes over exact change between passengers and conductors. To enable cashless transactions, KSRTC has equipped its buses with advanced Electronic Ticketing Machines (ETMs). Over 10,000 smart ETMs are already operational across KSRTC's fleet of 8,800 buses, with plans for further expansion following conductor training.

The ETMs will also support the validation of National Common Mobility Cards and various KSRTC-issued bus passes, with this functionality expected to be introduced within a month.

Welcome initiative

Meanwhile, passengers have welcomed this as a much-needed step. Many noted that they have already transitioned to cashless transactions, particularly through UPI payments.

"I travel daily from Mandya to Bengaluru for work, and the UPI payment system has been a game-changer for me," said Shankar R., a software professional.

"Earlier, I would often struggle to find exact change, which sometimes caused unnecessary delays and arguments with the conductor. Now, I simply scan the QR code and pay instantly. It's fast, hassle-free, and ensures I don't have to carry extra cash or worry about change," he added.

Preethi N. Kumar, a frequent commuter between Madikeri and Bengaluru said that the cashless system has added an extra layer of convenience.

"I took a KSRTC Airavat bus and was delighted to see the option of cashless transactions. This is helpful when travelling late or when I forget to withdraw cash," she said.

The ETMs have been rolled out in collaboration with EbixCash Ltd., which has been contracted to implement an Intelligent Transport Management System (ITMS) for KSRTC. This five-year contract involves designing, installing, maintaining, and operating the ITMS, including cashless ticketing and integrated digital payment solutions.

Cashless payments

Period: November 6, 2024 to December 5, 2024

Total revenue: ₹5,56,72,594

Break-up

- November 6 to 30: ₹3,63,12,510
- December 1: ₹42,10,649
- December 2: ₹42,32,169
- December 3: ₹38,65,611
- December 4: ₹34,06,995
- December 5: ₹36,44,660

Inter-State drug racket: Three, including an inmate operating from prison, arrested

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Cracking down on drug peddlers, the Central Crime Branch (CCB) officials busted an interstate drug racket allegedly being operated by a peddler from Parappana Agrahara Central Prison.

The officials arrested three peddlers, two from KS Layout and Nagarabhavi, while the kingpin, who is lodged in the prison, was taken into custody on a body warrant for further investigation.

Based on a tip-off, the officials arrested Fayaz, 28, from Kerala, and recovered synthetic drugs, including MDMA crystals, hydro ganja, ecstasy pills, LSD strips, and Hashish oil total worth ₹ 71 lakh which he had stored in a rented house in Chandra Nagar in KS Layout.

After interrogating Fayaz, the police nabbed his associate Goutham, 35, from Nagarabhavi, who was acting as a supplier for the kingpin, identified as Amir Khan. Further questioning revealed that Fayaz and Goutham consumed drugs from Amir Khan and started peddling drugs on the latter's behalf.

Drugs from Kerala

The police said the accused used to source the drugs from Kerala and supply them to the customers through delivery platforms to hoodwink the police and get the payment online. The accused even operated and got orders on a WhatsApp group containing the contact details of the consumers.

This is the second case the CCB has cracked where the accused were operating from prison and communicating through mobile phones. Earlier, the CCB booked a rowdy for threatening and making extortion calls to the clerk of a transport company from the prison.

This is despite the prison department stepping up security and upgrading jammers to contain the use of mobile phones in the wake of an episode involving Kannada film actor Darshan.

Man arrested for cheating candidates, cash payment company of ₹15.5 lakh

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The firm found that it was a scam when the candidates started approaching for a refund

The southeast division police arrested a 26-year-old online marketing executive for allegedly cheating a free cash payment company and a group of students of ₹15.5 lakh by floating a fake coaching centre.

The accused was identified as Nitesh Yadav.

Using his work experience, Nitesh roped in five associates and registered an online coaching centre to train candidates for professional and competitive exams. The accused was paid ₹15.5 lakh through the company based on the enrollments of the candidates.

The company found that it was a scam when the candidates started approaching for a refund as the coaching centre was shut down overnight. Based on their complaint, a special team led by inspector, Eshwari Suresh, tracked down the accused through the domain where the accused had registered his company online. The police obtained his identity details from the company and went to his native place, Rajasthan, but he had escaped from there. The police found that he was hiding in a residential apartment in Gurugram and arrested him.

A probe revealed that Nitesh was suspected to have committed similar offenses.

Farmer-owned Mysuru firm wins social impact award

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

The city-based Sahaja Samrudha, a desi seed producers company, has won the social impact award of S.P. Jain Institute of Management and Research, Mumbai.

The award is to celebrate and recognise organisations making exceptional contributions to society across six key categories that include agriculture and livelihood, women empowerment, sustainability, health, nutrition & wash (water, sanitation, and hygiene), and education & skill development.

The Sahaja Seeds has won the Social Impact Award in the Agriculture and Livelihood category and the award which carries a cash prize of ₹1 lakh and a shield, was presented at a ceremony held in Mumbai, on Thursday.

The award was received by Seema Prasad, founder, Siddanahundi Sreenivas Murthy, director, and K.S. Manju, procurement manager, on behalf of Sahaja Seeds.

G. Krishna Prasad, one of the co-founders of the company said Sahaja Seeds is India's first farmer-owned organic seed company, dedicated to producing and supplying high-quality seeds at affordable prices.

The company offers over 200 varieties of rice, millets, pulses, and vegetable seeds and is supported by 56 seed producers from Mysuru, Mandya, and Chamarajanagar.

BBMP Special Commissioner to answer your questions on e-khata on December 12

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BENGALURU

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) launched faceless, contactless, and online e-khata system on October 1.

This new system aims to get rid of corruption and bureaucratic apathy. The initiative is led by BBMP Special Commissioner (Revenue) Munish Moudgil.

Although property owners have started downloading draft and final e-khata, questions, confusions and complaints abound.

Mr. Moudgil will address the concerns and queries of property owners in a live chat with the *The Hindu* on December 12 at 3 p.m. Please send your questions to thtalksbengaluru@thehindu.co.in

BBMP Special Commissioner (Revenue) Munish Moudgil

Reva University hosts start-up summit

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The University-Industry Interaction Centre, Reva University, hosted the Reva Start-up Summit 2024 on its campus on Thursday, December 5, 2024.

Speaking at the inaugural session, the chief guest, Ravikiran Annaswamy, CEO and co-founder of Numocity, shared his insights on the challenges and opportunities in the start-up ecosystem. He underlined the significance of networking and platforms such as start-up summits to raise capital, strengthen operations, and validate ideas to enhance the overall success of a start-up.

Christ teams shine

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Four teams from Christ (Deemed to be University), secured global rankings among top 150 in the Bloomberg's Trading Challenge 2024 virtual investment competition, held from October 7 to November 15.

Two teams from the Department of Professional Studies ranked 4 and 15; the School of Business Management and the Department of Commerce were ranked 5 and 67, respectively.

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All that piece and parcel of the property bearing site Nos.47 and 48, Yelachenahalli village Khata No. 40/1A,, present BBMP, Yelachenahalli Ward, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring East to West : 60 Feet, North to South : 40 Feet totally measuring 2400 Sq. feet together with 8 Squares A. C. Sheet roofed house with all civic amenities bounded on:

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3. Which Indian chess player, ranked World No. 2 as of December 1, 2024, achieved an Elo rating of over 2800 in October 2024?

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Still a giant leap for man: the stagnation of the long jump

The men's world record has stood since 1991, the Olympic record since 1968 — why has the hard-to-master discipline not progressed and is there a solution that can shake things up?

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>
> **MIKE POWELL**
> Long jump world record holder

N. Sudarshan

In April 2022, the legendary Carl Lewis put out a blunt statement on social media platform X (then Twitter) that long jump was the hardest event in track and field. "There have been 5 male world record holders [sic: breakers] in the long jump since 1936," Lewis said. "The present outdoor record is 31 years old... Seems pretty tough to me. What other event is that difficult to master?"

In quick time, Lewis was roundly criticised and even called an attention seeker, pretty much in line with X's image of being a toxic crucible of abuse and simplistic narratives. It didn't matter that Lewis was a nine-time Olympic gold medallist, with four of those in the long jump in a streak that started at Los Angeles 1984 and ended at Atlanta 1996.

The Carl Lewis argument

Lewis' rationale was that Mike Powell's world record of 8.95m at the Tokyo World Championships in 1991 was – and is still – standing. The same with Bob Beamon's Olympic record of 8.90m set at Mexico City 1968. Starting 1970, the men's high jump, triple jump and pole vault – the other three jump events – have seen 12, 5 and 14 athletes better the best mark. Long jump has seen a grand total of one. Of the six record-holders from 1935, Powell, Beamon and Jesse Owens have each held it for 23 years or more.

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> **JAMES HILLIER**
> Reliance Foundation athletics director

In fairness, the longevity of a world record shouldn't always determine the difficulty level of an event. If that is the case, the women's track races should be the hardest of all, for the 100m, 200m, 400m and 800m records have remained intact since the 1980s. But Lewis' thinking had more than a kernel of truth – that the long jump was among the toughest to master, if not the toughest, and the lack of progression in world record distances was one of its prime fallouts.

"Long jump is a combination of speed, elastic strength and technique," James Hillier, the athletics director at Reliance Foundation, told *The Hindu*. "If you look at the runway data from the Olympic Games, the winner has had the fastest times. The issue is how you transfer horizontal speed, which might be 10 m/s or higher for top long jumpers, into a vertical lift off the board.

"You have to hit that sweet spot. You have to be able to run fast enough because the speed is what carries you forward. But you should also be running within yourself so that you can coordinate and time a take-off. If you are driving a car at 30 miles an hour, and someone tugs the steering wheel, the car will just go off a little bit but you can correct it. If you are going at 100 miles an hour, a slight tug can result in a very bad accident. It is the same in long jumping."

Between the 40m runway and the jump lies the 20cm take-off board where pin-point accuracy is non-negotiable. Jump from a few centimetres behind and you will end up losing that much distance. Leap from too close, the margin of error for a foul shrinks.

Lewis' greatness lay in the fact that he had mastered this difficult balancing act. At Los Angeles in 1984, the American won the 100m, 200m, 4x100m relay races and the long jump. Four years later in Seoul, he again completed the 100m-long jump double.

Easier to medal

Though he never held the long jump world record, the distances Lewis leapt were top draw – 8.54m in 1984, 8.72m in 1988 and 8.67m in 1992. In contrast, Brit Greg Rutherford took gold at London 2012 with 8.31m; American Jeff Henderson at Rio 2016 with 8.38m, and Greek Miltiadis Tentoglou at Tokyo 2020 and Paris 2024 with 8.41m and 8.48m respectively. And today, the number of elite athletes competing in both sprints and long jump is near-zero.

CARL LEWIS

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> **CARL LEWIS**
> In a 2022 social media post

According to Powell, the long jump's stagnating distances were a sure sign that the already tough discipline was regressing. In a media interaction in Bengaluru back in May 2016, Powell had said: "In the 2012 Olympics, 8.12 was the bronze. If Jesse Owens' mark of 8.13 [world record set in 1935] can win a medal in 2012, that's unheard of. Every other event has progressed."

A factor that could be responsible is the lack of rivalries. At the 1991 Worlds, when Powell set the present best mark (8.95m), Lewis had three of his career-best jumps – 8.83m, 8.84m and 8.87m – and one wind-assisted mark of 8.91m which was better than Beamon's then world record (8.90m). Lewis had in fact come into Tokyo unbeaten in 65 consecutive long jump events, "determined to break the world record that night".

"I was on a mission," Powell recollected. "Carl had just broken the world record in the 100m. And the key to jumping long is running fast. I had to break the record to beat him! On top of that, I hated Carl. He was my idol at first but after I started competing, I thought I had to demonise him. He was the guy in the sport. But I looked at him like another to beat."

However, if World Athletics, as announced this February, goes ahead and trials a "take-off zone" instead of a board and starts measuring distances from the point athletes become airborne, it would mean the end of the long jump as we have known it, for it removes the incentive to master the perfect take-off. It could also potentially produce bigger jumps.

"I guess it supports what I have been saying, that long jump is the most difficult," Lewis seethed on X. "This would just eliminate the most difficult skill from the event. Just make the basket larger for free throws because too many people miss them."

Bring the sprinters back

Hillier, though, is on the fence, for now, and even felt it could be a good move if it brings the sprinters, like Lewis in his heyday, back. "It is set up to make the event a bit more exciting, but has not been communicated well," the Welshman said. "But world records might have to be reset, like in javelin for example where they adjusted the weight after Uwe Hohn threw it 105m [104.80m]. That record has been taken off the books.

"For me, it is about storytelling and on the track, it is easy to see a story unfold. You will see someone in the lead at the start, then someone else takes over and then someone will come through at the end. That is the story unfolding for you. In field events that story needs to be told better and something that has been missed by television. I would say it can be more exciting because it goes on longer and can hold your attention.

"Marcell Jacobs, who won the 100m at Tokyo 2020, was a sprinter-long jumper and then gave up long jump to sprint. So it has become a bit less cool. If it [the change] gets the best athletes, the best sprinters, to be long jumpers, that would be good."

GAME THEORY

Bundesliga: goals vs. expected goals

Omar Marmoush has been attracting attention from some of Europe's biggest clubs after a hot start to the Bundesliga season with Eintracht Frankfurt. The Egyptian forward sits behind Harry Kane on the list of top-scorers, but is outperforming his expected goals (xG) by a larger margin than the England striker. A look at the top-25 goal-scorers in the German top division this season and the margin between their tallies and the xG they have generated (xGDiff):

Player	Club	Games	Goals	xG	xGDiff
Harry Kane	Bayern	12	14	11.23	2.77
Omar Marmoush	E. Frankfurt	12	13	8.46	4.54
Jonathan Burkardt	Mainz	12	9	5.82	3.18
Tim Kleindienst	M'Gladbach	12	8	7.24	0.76
Ermedin Demirovic	Stuttgart	12	7	6.16	0.84
Hugo Ekitike	E. Frankfurt	11	6	6.69	-0.69
Jamal Musiala	Bayern	10	6	4.69	1.31
Serhou Guirassy	Dortmund	9	6	6.92	-0.92
Victor Boniface	Leverkusen	10	6	7.13	-1.13
Andrej Kramaric	Hoffenheim	11	5	4.52	0.48
Deniz Undav	Stuttgart	9	5	4.47	0.53
Jens Stage	W. Bremen	8	5	2.66	2.34
Lois Openda	RBL	12	5	5.04	-0.04
Michael Olise	Bayern	12	5	2.74	2.26
Patrik Schick	Leverkusen	10	5	3.43	1.57
Ritsu Doan	Freiburg	12	5	3.88	1.12
Florian Wirtz	Leverkusen	12	4	3.82	0.18
Jamie Gittens	Dortmund	12	4	2.52	1.48
Marius Bulter	Hoffenheim	11	4	2.84	1.16
Marvin Pieringer	Heidenheim	11	4	4.02	-0.02
Mohammed Amoura	Wolfsburg	10	4	3.23	0.77
Phillip Tietz	Augsburg	12	4	2.92	1.08
Shuto Machino	Holstein	11	4	2.72	1.28
Tiago Tomas	Wolfsburg	12	4	3.12	0.88
Willi Orban	RBL	10	4	3.01	0.99

HARRY KANE

OMAR MARMOUSH

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Tag — and out!

Baseball's 'tagged out' is the equivalent of cricket's 'run out'. Indeed, it was once known as 'run out' — "A player is said to be run out when he is touched between the bases in trying to get back to the base he left," reads a historic account of a variation of this 'out'.

It's one of the four most common ways in which a batter may be put out, the others being the 'strike out', the 'fly out', and the 'forced out'.

A 'tagged out' can occur when a fielder touches ('tags') the baserunner with the ball (or with the hand or glove holding the ball), while the ball is live and the runner is not on a base.

Runners attempting to leave the base before the pitch is thrown can also be dismissed in a variation of this mode, with the pitcher throwing the ball to the fielder covering the base and the runner being tagged before they can touch the base.

Fortunately for modern ball-players, they no longer play a baseball format common in the 19th century, for the 'tagged out' then resulted in pain. Runners were 'plugged' or 'soaked' by the ball thrown directly at them!

HOPCOMS now selling fresh produce in apartment complexes to benefit farmers and customers

This is being carried out as a pilot project, and will go on for three months before it gets expanded across the city

Jahnavi T. R.
BENGALURU

Under the initiative, HOPCOMS is delivering fresh produce through its mobile stalls, also known as 'sanchari malige', to apartment complexes once or twice a week based on demand. FILE PHOTO

The Horticultural Producers' Cooperative Marketing and Processing Society (HOPCOMS) recently partnered with the Bangalore Apartment Federation (BAF) to sell fruits and vegetables at consumers' doorsteps.

It is now being carried out as a pilot project, which will go on for three months before it gets expanded across the city. Under the initiative, HOPCOMS is delivering fresh produce through its mobile stalls, also known as 'sanchari malige', to apartment complexes once or twice a week based on demand. Around 100 apartment complexes are being visited by these mobile stalls.

Vinayak Reddy, General Manager, HOPCOMS, told *The Hindu*, "We are selling seasonal fruits and vegetables in the apartment space and have coordinators in these societies who inform us of the days we should visit. We devise a route map and send our vehicles to cover a few apartments in one day."

HOPCOMS is currently not paying any charges to the societies, unlike other outside vendors who have to pay a certain fee. There are two time slots for the mobile stalls in apartments - from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. "We have had a good response so far. Even if 10% of the households in those complexes buy from us, we are getting business worth ₹8,000 to ₹10,000 at least on an average," Mr. Reddy said,

While the BAF had initiated mango melas and sales of other seasonal fruits, this is a unique large-scale project. BAF general secretary Vikram Rai said, "Our idea was to get these mobile stalls to our complexes regularly to sell all kinds of fruits and vegetables. We chose HOPCOMS as a 'farm to household' model. Despite a few teething issues, the feedback and response has been largely good."

According to HOPCOMS officials, both HOPCOMS and BAF will hold monthly meetings to review the programme and plan expansions. "Ultimately, we have to benefit our registered farmers and customers. And HOPCOMS becomes a successful society when we fulfill both the requirements," said Mr. Reddy.

In the last five years, due to losses, staffing problems, private competition, and other logistical reasons, HOPCOMS had to close down several stalls in Bengaluru. Over 100 outlets were closed in the last few years. To keep up with the changing times, HOPCOMS has also taken up various initiatives, including the sale of fruits and vegetables online through the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC).

Delhi youth involved in APK file fraud arrested

The Hindu Bureau
MANGALURU

The Mangaluru city police have arrested a youth from Delhi allegedly associated with a gang involved in defrauding people by gaining access to their bank accounts via Android Package Kit (APK) files sent on WhatsApp. The Mangaluru CEN police arrested Gaurav Makwan, 25, in this connection.

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RISE 12:55	SET 00:23

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Mysuru	30	20
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'Darshan misused interim bail'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Darshan

The Bengaluru city police on Friday told the High Court of Karnataka that actor Darshan was not entitled for continuation of interim bail granted to him to undergo surgery for his back pain and that he should be directed to surrender, while alleging that the film star had misused the interim bail as he had not yet undergone surgery.

These submissions were made on behalf of the police before Justice S. Vishwajith Shetty during the hearing on the petitions filed by Darshan, who is accused in the murder of Renukaswamy, and other accused, including actor Pavithra Gowda, who have sought their release from prison on regular bail.

Special Public Prosecutor (SPP) P. Prasanna Kumar told the court that medical reports submitted on behalf of Darshan on November 6, 15, and 21 indicated that he was being "prepared for the surgery" from the day of his admission to hospital.

Pointing out that the court had given six weeks for Darshan to undergo surgery and treatment, the SPP said that there was no indication on conduct of surgery even though it was already five weeks since his release on interim bail.

The SPP said that the actor's blood pressure (BP), as indicated in hospital's report, was normal till around November 10 and it showed fluctuation in the rate of 140 thereafter.

BP can't hinder surgery

This variation in BP could not be a ground for not conducting surgery, said Mr. Kumar, while pointing out that some reputed surgeons had given their opinion stating that BP could be reduced by giving a tablet, which costs only ₹2.20 to prepare the actor for surgery. The doctors had also made it clear that surgeries could be performed on persons with high BP even during emergencies such as accidents etc., and in such cases the BP was controlled through anaesthesia, the SPP said.

Only physiotherapy

Darshan was merely undergoing physiotherapy since his release and had misused the sympathy shown by the court on the plea that there was a chance of he suffering paralysis if he was not permitted to undergo surgery immediately, pointed out Mr. Kumar. At this stage, senior advocate C.V. Nagesh, appearing for the actor, told the court that the date for surgery was being fixed now while pointing out that the police had already moved the apex court for cancellation of interim bail.

Meanwhile, Justice Shetty told the SPP that the police could have filed an application before the High Court for cancellation of interim bail instead of waiting for arguments on grant of regular bail.

Report submitted

The medical reports of Darshan was submitted to the court in a sealed cover by his advocates and copies of the reports were given to the SPP on November 21 after a direction from the court. Further hearing was adjourned till December 9.

Revised plan of ₹694 crore to improve roads approved

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The State Cabinet on Friday approved the revised action plan of ₹694 crore for developing 1,611 km of roads in Bengaluru City Corporation limits, said Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister H.K. Patil after the meeting.

The condition of Bengaluru roads, ridden with potholes, has irked the city's residents. The Cabinet approved a sum of ₹97.27 crore for developing roads in Hoskote taluk, Bengaluru rural district. It approved ₹40.5 crore for a community building at Sampanginagara in the city.

It was decided that a corpus fund of ₹47 crore would be set up for providing treatment of rare diseases for the members of SC/ST communities as per the National Policy for Rare Diseases (NPRD), the Minister said.

The Cabinet approved ₹1,970 crore for providing reagents, consumables, and rapid diagnostic kits in community, maternity, district and state level hospitals under the National Free Drug Scheme (NFDS) programme. A sum of ₹42.66 crore was approved under the Special Component Plan (SCP) for SCs and the Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) for providing basic facilities such as beds, cots, and other basic needs of the matric and post-matric students of residential schools.

Cabinet nod for Metro Phase 3A

The Hindu Bureau
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The Karnataka Cabinet on Friday approved Phase 3A of the Bengaluru Metro's Red Line, linking Sarjapur in southeastern Bengaluru with Hebbal in the north.

The project proposal will now be forwarded to the Union Cabinet for approval, as the Centre holds a 50% equity stake in Namma Metro.

In June 2024, the BMRCL submitted a detailed project report for the 37-km Hebbal-Sarjapur corridor to the State government. The project is estimated to cost ₹28,405 crore. The line will traverse key areas such as Agara, Koramangala, and Dairy Circle, with approximately 16.8 km of the route from Koramangala to Hebbal being underground. It will connect important locations like Bellandur, St. John's Hospital, NIMHANS, Central College, Cunningham Road, and Mehkri Circle.

The elevated section between Sarjapur and Koramangala 3rd Block will feature 15 stations, while the underground section from Koramangala 2nd Block to Veterinary College will include 11 stations. Officials noted that the DPR might undergo minor changes before receiving final State government approval.

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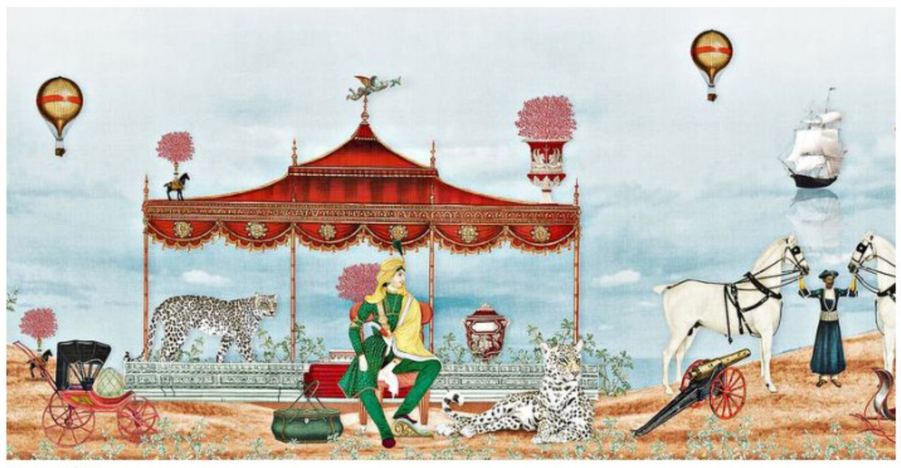
Inside the world of Raseel Gujral



'Eye right'

'Promenade lustre'

The interior architect began the year with a series of wallpapers and is now using it as her inspiration to diversify into soft furnishings, furniture, sculptures and handmade carpets in 2025

Varun Rana

In Jaunapur Village, on the outskirts of New Delhi, is Chand Bagh, where Raseel Gujral Ansal lives amid the bird-broken stillness of tree-shaded gardens, in a home she designed and filled with art. It is an escape, a refuge from the incessant noise of the 'city', whichever one she happens to be returning from on her frequent travels chasing inspiration and design.

It is a sunny afternoon and we are sitting in her high-ceilinged home, surrounded by her late father Satish Gujral's paintings and artworks, where a bejewelled Balinese throne takes the pride of place, adorned with works of devotional art on velvet and silk cushions. Dappled sunlight enters from floor-to-ceiling windows that open on to a wraparound verandah held up by strong pillars, green lawns rolling off into abundant gardens.

INTERIOR DESIGN

This is not a small house, but it isn't huge either – one of those spectacularly oversized houses that seem to be the trend these days. And as one of the country's foremost interior architects, her home is a moodboard of her ideas and artistic leanings, should you ever get an invitation.

Mughal design, colonial influences

Another way in, though, is through her work, especially a collection of wallpapers, called Inscape, that she launched earlier this year, as part of Casa Pop's 10th anniversary. They bring together her love for Indian architecture, Mughal design vocabulary, and colonial influences, elements that she is surrounded by in her home.

RASEEL GUJRAL

While she is aware of the current contention these words bring out – she is the product of a family directly impacted by Partition – as a designer she says her aim is to provide a lens through which these inalienable aspects of our history can be viewed.

To do so, she brings in India's varied fauna, such as a tiger sitting calmly with a colourful bird perched upon its head, partridges and teapots gathered under a canopy, and framed vintage portraits.

One of these wallpapers – 'The Three Faces of Eve - Diva | Devi | Damsel' – carries more than just the motifs designed by the artisans of Jaipur's Princess Diya Kumari Foundation. They're the culmination of a decade of design that has traversed multiple aesthetics as well as product categories to provide everything from furniture to objets d'art to furnishings for its patrons. "As a two-dimensional, flat medium, it was important for us to design these works of wallpaper-art in specific contexts," she says.

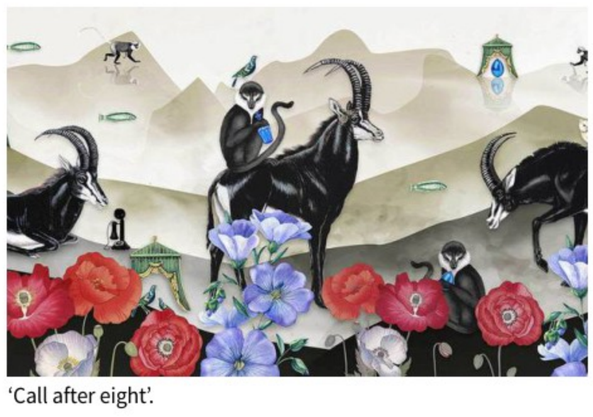
Diva | Devi | Damsel

'Memory wall'

Experimenting with mediums

The more she works in this field, Raseel says, the more she realises that she is not naturally drawn to the idea of social media content and collaborations as the only ideal way for anyone to experience her work. "I prefer to create meaningful experiences and spaces where people can explore their responses to the artworks and designs. Wallpaper is just a medium. Going forward, I want to explore other mediums and give each enough time to be explored, get into the proper distribution channels so that they get the time and space to be appreciated." After all, these aren't designer garments, but products with a far longer life span. "I have realised that if you're too prolific in your output, you don't get enough time to tell the story."

This year has been about Inscape, and using it as the building block for a lineup that will diversify in 2025 into soft furnishings, furniture, original works of art, and even a range of handmade carpets. A couple of months ago, she launched 'The Three Faces of Eve' as a series of terracotta and gold sculptures. The limited-edition triad, symbolising wisdom, strength and the divine feminine, has been brought to life by master craftsmen in Rajasthan. "The series is complemented by a gold edit of the wallpapers 'Match Made in Heaven', which evokes India's regal heritage, and 'Tea for Two', a whimsical nod to romance," she says. The Inscape special edit of 'Eyes Right' can now be experienced at The Park Hotel's newest property at Patiala Fort, too.



'Call after eight'.

In addition, Raseel reveals that she is also in talks with an indigenous brand to create modular frescoes with traditional artisans to revive the craft of *araaish*, a heritage lime-plaster technique once used extensively in royal residences. "It has a glazed feel, is cool to touch, and is long-lasting," she explains. "I personally see a deep connection between our *araaish* and old Venetian plaster techniques. I feel it deserves our appreciation, and being in our homes."

She appreciates how Italian designers and lifestyle brands have successfully commoditised their traditional crafts, and wants to be able to do the same with heritage techniques from India.

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118.	ಸೊಷಯಿಸ್ಥಿಯಿ ಜ ಸ ಬಿಗಿ ಜ ಬಿ ಇಂಬಿಬ್ಬು	48/9	0–18	–	0–18
119.	ರಾಷ್ಟಂಬು ಬಿಗಿ ತಿಷ್ಟುಂಬು	48/10	0–04.04	–	0–04.04
120.	ಸ.ಟಿ.ಆಷ್ಟುಟಿಬ್ಬು ಬಿಗಿ ಟಿ.ಟಿಬಿಷ್ಟಂಬಂಬು	48/11	1–11	0–01	1–10
121.	ರಾಷ್ಟಂಬು ಬಿಗಿ ತಿಷ್ಟುಂಬು	48/12	0–07.08	–	0–07.08
122.	ಟಿ.ಷ್ಟಂಬಾಸಾಥ ಬಿಗಿ ಬಿಟಿಬಿಷ್ಟಿಬಿಬ್ಬು	48/13	0–07.08	–	0–07.08
123.	ತಿ. ಸಿದ್ಧಾಯಾಬ ಬಿಗಿ ಲೆಕ್ಕ ಬಿಟ್ಟಿಷ್ಟಿ	48/14	0–04.04	–	0–04.04
124.	ಶಂಕರ್ಷಿ ಬಿಗಿ ಬಿಟಿಬಿ ಬಿಟ್ಟಿಷ್ಟಿಬಿಬ್ಬು	48/15	0–04.04	–	0–04.04
125.	ಜಟಿಲ ಬಿಟ್ಟಿಬಿಬಿಷ್ಟಿಬಿಬ್ಬು ಸಿಷ್ಟಿ ಬಿಗಿ ಬ್ಬಿಷ್ಟಿಬಿಬಿಷ್ಟಿಬಿಬ್ಬು	48/16	0–04.04	–	0–04.04
126.	ಜಂಡಿಬಿಷ್ಟಿಬ್ಬು ಕೆಲಂ ಬಿ ಎ ಸಿದ್ಧಿಷ್ಟಿ	48/17	0–07.08	–	0–07.08
127.	ಸಿದ್ಧಿಗಂಡಿಬ್ಬು ಬಿಗಿ ಜನ್ಮಿಬ್ಬು	49/1	4–23	0–04	4–19
128.	ಜಂಡಾಷ್ಟಾಯಿ ಬಿಗಿ ಗಂಡಿನಿಷ	49/2	1–30	–	1–30
129.	ರಿಂಡಿಬ್ಬು ಕೆಲಂ ಜ.ಹೊಸ್ಟಿಬ್ಬು ಜಂಜಾಬ್ಬು ಬಿಗಿ ಗಂಡಿಬ್ಬು ಬಂಬಿಬ್ಬು ಬಿಗಿ ಗಂಡಿಬ್ಬು ಜನ್ಮಿಬ್ಬು ಬಿಗಿ ಲೆಕ್ಕ ಬಿಂಡಿಬಿಬ್ಬು	50	1–22	–	1–22
130.	ಸಿದ್ಧಿಗಂಡಿಬ್ಬು ಬಿಗಿ ಹೊಸ್ಟಿಬ್ಬು	51/1	2–26	–	2–26
131.	ಜಂಜಾಬ್ಬು ಬಿಗಿ ಗಂಡಿಬ್ಬು	51/2	0–10	–	0–10
132.	ಜಂಜಾಬ್ಬು ಬಿಗಿ ಗಂಡಿಬ್ಬು	51/3	0–30	–	0–30
133.	ಜಂಜಾಬ್ಬು ಬಿಗಿ ಗಂಡಿಬ್ಬು	51/4	0–30	–	0–30
134.	ರಿಂಡಿಬ್ಬು ಕೆಲಂ ಹೊಸ್ಟಿಬ್ಬು	51/5	2–26	–	2–26
135.	ಬಬ್ಬಿಬ್ಬು ಕೆಲಂ ಎಗ್.ಡಿ. ಜಾಮ್ಬಿಬ್ಬು	55/1	2–20.08	–	2–20.08
136.	ಗಂಡಿಬ್ಬು ಬಿಗಿ ಲೆಕ್ಕ ಹೊಸ್ಟಿಗಂಡಿಬ್ಬು	55/2	1–10.08	–	1–10.08
137.	ಜಂಜಾಬ್ಬು ಬಿಗಿ ಲೆಕ್ಕ ಹೊಸ್ಟಿಗಂಡಿಬ್ಬು	55/3	2–11	–	2–11
138.	ಕಟ್ಟಿ .ಜಿಡ ಕೆಲಂ ಕಾಳ್ಗಿಷ್ಟಿ .ಡಿ.ಎಗ್	55/4	1–00	–	1–00
139.	ಬ್ಬಿಬ್ಬು ಬಿಗಿ ಲೆಕ್ಕ ಜಾಂಡಿಬ್ಬು	56/1	2–12	0–01	2–11
140.	ಗಂಡಿಬ್ಬು ಬಿಗಿ ಜಂಜಿಬಿಬ್ಬು ರಿಂಡಿಬ್ಬು ಬಿಗಿ ಗಂಡಿಬ್ಬು	56/2	4–16	0–01	4–15
141.	ಗಂಡಿಬ್ಬು ಬಿಗಿ ಲೆಕ್ಕ ಜಾಂಡಿಬ್ಬು	56/3	2–21	0–01	2–20
142.	ಎಂ.ಸಿ.ಬ್ಯಾಂಷ್ಟಿಲು ಕೆಲಂ ಸಿಬ್ಬಾಂಡಿಬ್ಬು	57/1	3–10	–	3–10
143.	ಎಂ.ಸಿ.ಗಾಯಿಷ್ಟಿಲು ಕೆಲಂ ಲಂಜಿಷ್ಟಿಬ್ಬು	57/2	3–00	–	3–00
144.	ರಿಂಡಿಬ್ಬು ಬಿಗಿ ಗಂಡಿಬ್ಬು ಗಂಡಿಬ್ಬು ಬಿಗಿ ಗಂಡಿಷ್ಟಿಬ್ಬು ರಿಂಡಿಬ್ಬು ಬಿಗಿ ಗಂಡಿಬ್ಬು ಜನ್ಮಿಗಂಡಿಷ ಬಿಗಿ ಜನ್ಮಿಗಂಡಿಷ ಬಿಗಿ	58/*	5–35	–	5–35
145.	ಬಿಂಡಿಬ್ಬು ಕೆಲಂ ಬಿ.ಎಗ್.ಕ್ಟಿಬ್ಬು	78/1	2–01	0–01	2–00
146.	ಬಿಂಡಿಬ್ಬು ಕೆಲಂ ಬಿ.ಎಗ್.ಕ್ಟಿಬ್ಬು	78/2	0–12	–	0–12
147.	ರಬ್ಬಿಬ್ಬು ಕೆಲಂ ಎಗ್.ಡಿ. ಜಾಮ್ಬಿಬ್ಬು	78/3	0–27.04	0–01.04	0–26
148.	ಸಿದ್ಧಿಗಂಡಿಬ್ಬು ಬಿಗಿ ಹೊಸ್ಟಿಗಂಡಿಬ್ಬು	78/4	0–05.04	0–00.04	0–05
149.	ಸಿದ್ಧಿಗಂಡಿಬ್ಬು ಬಿಗಿ ಹೊಸ್ಟಿಗಂಡಿಬ್ಬು	78/5	0–01	–	0–01
150.	ರಂಜಿಗಂಡಿಷ ಬಿಗಿ ಲೆಕ್ಕ ಗಂಡಿಷ್ಟಿಬ್ಬು	78/6	1–23.08	0–02.08	1–21
151.	ಜಿಲ್ಲಿಬ್ಬಿಬ್ಬು ಬಿಗಿ ರಂಜಿಬಿಬ್ಬು	79/1	0–02	–	0–02
152.	ರಫ್ತು ಬಿಗಿ ಗಂಡಿ ಗಿಷ	79/2	0–14	–	0–14
153.	ಜಿಷ್ಟಿಷ್ಟಿಬ್ಬು ಬಿಗಿ ಗಂಡಿಬ್ಬು	79/3	0–04	–	0–04
154.	ರಂಜಿಗಂಡಿಷ ಬಿಗಿ ಲೆಕ್ಕ ಗಂಡಿಷ್ಟಿಬ್ಬು	79/4	0–24	–	0–24
155.	ಜಂಬಾಬ್ಬಿ ಬಿಗಿ ಗಂಡಿಗಿಷ	80	0–21	0–01	0–20
156.	ಗಂಡಿಗಿಷ ಬಿಗಿ ಹೊಸ್ಟಿಗಂಡಿಬ್ಬು	81/1	0–10	–	0–10
157.	ಗಿಂಡಿಬ್ಬು ಬಿಗಿ ಗಂಡಿಷ್ಟಿಬ್ಬು	81/2	0–10	–	0–10
158.	ಗಿಂಡಿಬ್ಬು ಬಿಗಿ ಲೆಕ್ಕ ಗಂಡಿಷ್ಟಿಬ್ಬು	81/3	0–05	–	0–05
159.	ಕಂಡಂಬು ಬಿಗಿ ಬ್ಬಿಬ್ಬು	81/4	0–02	–	0–02
160.	ಕಂಡಂಬು ಬಿಗಿ ಸಿದ್ಧಿಬ್ಬು	81/5	0–01	–	0–01
161.	ಗಂಡಿಷ್ಟಿಬ್ಬು	ಗಂಡಿಷ್ಟಿಬ್ಬು	82/1	0–20	–	0–20
162.	ರಿಂಗಿಗಿಷ ಬಿಗಿ ಹೊಸ್ಟಿಗಂಡಿಬ್ಬು	ರಿಂಗಿಗಿಷ ಬಿಗಿ ಹೊಸ್ಟಿಗಂಡಿಬ್ಬು	82/2ಎ	1–16.08	–	1–16.08
163.	ಬಿ.ಸಿ.ಬ್ಬಿಬ್ಬಿ ಬಿಗಿ ಜನ್ಮಿಬ್ಬಿ ಕೆ.ಬಿ.ಗಿಷ್ಟಿಬ್ಬು ಕೆಲಂ ಹೊಸ್ಟಿಗಂಡಿಬ್ಬು	ಬಿ.ಸಿ.ಬ್ಬಿಬ್ಬಿ ಬಿಗಿ ಜನ್ಮಿಬ್ಬಿ ಕೆ.ಬಿ.ಗಿಷ್ಟಿಬ್ಬು	82/2ಬಿ	0–29	–	0–29
164.	ಗಂಡಿಬ್ಬು ಜ. ಬಿಷ್ಟಿಂಡಿಬ್ಬು	ಗಂಡಿಬ್ಬು ಜ. ಬಿಷ್ಟಿಂಡಿಬ್ಬು	82/3	0–22.08	–	0–22.08
165.	ರಿಂಡಿಬ್ಬು ಬಿಗಿ ಗಂಡಿಷ್ಟಿಬ್ಬು	ರಿಂಡಿಬ್ಬು ಬಿಗಿ ಗಂಡಿಷ್ಟಿಬ್ಬು	82/4	1–02.08	–	1–02.08
166.	ಸಿಂಡಿಷ್ಟಿ ಗಿಷ .ಪಿ.ಎಗ್ ಬಿಗಿ ರಿಂಡಿಗಿಷ	ಸಿಂಡಿಷ್ಟಿ ಗಿಷ .ಪಿ.ಎಗ್ ಬಿಗಿ ರಿಂಡಿಗಿಷ	82/5	0–18.08	–	0–18.08
167.	ಸಿಂಡಿಷ್ಟಿ ಗಿಷ .ಪಿ.ಎಗ್ ಬಿಗಿ ರಿಂಡಿಗಿಷ ಸಿಂಡಿಷ್ಟಿ ಗಿಷ .ಪಿ.ಎಗ್ ಬಿಗಿ ರಿಂಡಿಗಿಷ ಕೆಂಪಿಬ್ಬು ಬಿಗಿ ಬ್ಬಿಬ್ಬಿಬ್ಬು	ಸಿಂಡಿಷ್ಟಿ ಗಿಷ .ಪಿ.ಎಗ್ ಬಿಗಿ ರಿಂಡಿಗಿಷ ಕೆಂಪಿಬ್ಬು ಕೆಲಂ ಬಿ.ಎಗ್.ಕ್ಟಿಬ್ಬಿಬ್ಬು	83/1	1–04	–	1–04
168.	ಬಿಂಡಿಬ್ಬಿಗಿಷ ಬಿಗಿ ಲೆಕ್ಕ ಬಿಂಡಿಬ್ಬು.ಇನ್ನುಯಿ	ಬಿಂಡಿಬ್ಬಿಗಿಷ ಬಿಗಿ ಲೆಕ್ಕ ಬಿಂಡಿಬ್ಬು.ಇನ್ನುಯಿ	83/2ಬಿ	1–05	–	1–05
169.	ಜಿಷ್ಟಿಬಿಂಡಿ .ಪಿ.ಸಿ. ಬಿಗಿ ಲೆಕ್ಕ ಬಿ.ಬಿಷ್ಟಿ. ಗಂಡಿಬಿಷ್ಟಿಬ್ಬು	ಜಿಷ್ಟಿಬಿಂಡಿ .ಪಿ.ಸಿ. ಬಿಗಿ ಲೆಕ್ಕ ಬಿ.ಬಿಷ್ಟಿ. ಗಂಡಿಬಿಷ್ಟಿಬ್ಬು	83/2ಎ	0–27	–	0–27
170.	ರಿಂಡಿಬ್ಬು ಬಿಗಿ ಗಂಡಿಬ್ಬು	ರಿಂಡಿಬ್ಬು ಬಿಗಿ ಗಂಡಿಬ್ಬು	83/2ಎ2	1–04	–	1–04
171.	ರಿಂಡಿಬ್ಬು ಬಿಗಿ ಗಂಡಿಬ್ಬು	ರಿಂಡಿಬ್ಬು ಬಿಗಿ ಗಂಡಿಬ್ಬು	83/2ಎ3	0–21	–	0–21
172.	ಕಂಡಂಬು ಬಿಗಿ ಸಿದ್ಧಿಬ್ಬು	ಕಂಡಂಬು ಬಿಗಿ ಸಿದ್ಧಿಬ್ಬು	83/2ಎ4	0–03	–	0–03
173.	ರಾಜಾಯಿಷ್ಟಿಬ್ಬು ಬಿಗಿ ಗಂಡಿಬ್ಬು ಒಂಡಿಬಿಬ್ಬು ಬಿಗಿ ಗಂಡಿಬ್ಬು ರಾಜಪ್ಪ ಬಿಗಿ ಗಂಡಿಬ್ಬು ಜಿಷ್ಟಿಬ್ಬಿಬ್ಬು ಬಿಗಿ ಹೊಸ್ಟಿಗಂಡಿಬ್ಬು ಜಂಬಾಬ್ಬಿ ಜಿಷ್ಟಿಬ್ಬಿಬ್ಬು ಬಿಗಿ ಲೆಕ್ಕ ಜಾಯಿಷ್ಟಿಬ್ಬು ಗಂಡಿಬ್ಬಿಬ್ಬು ಕೆಲಂ ಲೆಕ್ಕ ಜಾಯಿಷ್ಟಿಬ್ಬು ಗಂಡಿಬ್ಬಿಬ್ಬು	ರಾಜಾಯಿಷ್ಟಿಬ್ಬು ಬಿಗಿ ಗಂಡಿಬ್ಬು ಒಂಡಿಬಿಬ್ಬು ಬಿಗಿ ಗಂಡಿಬ್ಬು ರಾಜಪ್ಪ ಬಿಗಿ ಗಂಡಿಬ್ಬು ಜಿಷ್ಟಿಬ್ಬಿಬ್ಬು ಬಿಗಿ ಹೊಸ್ಟಿಗಂಡಿಬ್ಬು ಜಂಬಾಬ್ಬಿ ಜಿಷ್ಟಿಬ್ಬಿಬ್ಬು ಬಿಗಿ ಲೆಕ್ಕ ಜಾಯಿಷ್ಟಿಬ್ಬು ಗಂಡಿಬ್ಬಿಬ್ಬು ಕೆಲಂ ಲೆಕ್ಕ ಜಾಯಿಷ್ಟಿಬ್ಬು ಗಂಡಿಬ್ಬಿಬ್ಬು	83/2ಎ5	0–21	–	0–21
174.	ಬಿಂಡಿಬ್ಬಿಗಿಷ ಬಿಗಿ ಲೆಕ್ಕ ಬಿಟ್ಟಿಬ್ಬಿಬ್ಬು	ಬಿಂಡಿಬ್ಬಿಗಿಷ ಬಿಗಿ ಲೆಕ್ಕ ಬಿಟ್ಟಿಬ್ಬಿಬ್ಬು	84/1ಬಿ	0–20	–	0–20
175.	ರಫ್ತು ಬ್ಬಿ	ರಫ್ತು ಬ್ಬಿ	84/1ಸಿ	0–17	–	0–17
176.	ಬ್ಬಂಜಿಳ ಕೆಲಂ ಜಾಬಿಂಡಿಬ್ಬು	ಬ್ಬಂಜಿಳ ಕೆಲಂ ಜಾಬಿಂಡಿಬ್ಬು	84/2	0–15	–	0–15
177.	ಗಿಂಜಂಬಂದಾಜಾ ಬಿಗಿ ಸಿದ್ಧಿಗಂಡಿಬ್ಬು	ಗಿಂಜಂಬಂದಾಜಾ ಬಿಗಿ ಸಿದ್ಧಿಗಂಡಿಬ್ಬು	84/3	0–16	–	0–16
178.	ಬಿ.ಜಿ.ಬಾಷ್ಟುಂಬಿಬ್ಬು ಬಿಗಿ ಲೆಕ್ಕ ಬಿ.ಗಂಡಿಷ್ಟಿಬ್ಬು ಲೆಂಡಿಜಾಬ ಕೆಲಂ ಲೆಕ್ಕ ಬಿ.ಜಿ.ಗಿಜಂಬಂದಾಜಾಜಾ	ಬಿ.ಜಿ.ಬಾಷ್ಟುಂಬಿಬ್ಬು ಬಿಗಿ ಲೆಕ್ಕ ಬಿ.ಗಂಡಿಷ್ಟಿಬ್ಬು ಲೆಂಡಿಜಾಬ ಕೆಲಂ ಲೆಕ್ಕ ಬಿ.ಜಿ.ಜಿಜಿಜಾ ಬಿಗಿ ಲೆಕ್ಕ ಬಿ.ಗಂಡಿಷ್ಟಿಬ್ಬು	85/1	0–06	–	0–06
179.	ಟಿಷ್ಟಿಲೆಗಿಷ ಬಿಗಿ ಸಿದ್ಧಿಗಂಡಿಬ್ಬು ಅಬಜಾಜಿ ಸಿದ್ಧಿಗಂಡಿಬ್ಬು	ಟಿಷ್ಟಿಲೆಗಿಷ ಬಿಗಿ ಸಿದ್ಧಿಗಂಡಿಬ್ಬು ಅಬಜಾಜಿ	85/2	0–07	–	0–07

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Minority tag: Criterion on student admissions scrapped

The State Cabinet scrapped the criterion as institutions run by Christians, Jains, Sikhs, and Parsis have been finding it difficult to admit 50% students from their respective communities in order to retain their minority institution status.

Briefing on the decisions taken at the Cabinet meeting, Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister H.K. Patil said the decision was taken in accordance with Article 30 and the recommendation of the National Minority Commission.

The tag would be given to PU colleges, and graduation and postgraduation institutions.

In March 2024, the government scrapped the criterion of the requirement of a minimum 25% of students belonging to that particular minority religion in schools.

The Opposition is expected to oppose this decision in the legislature session starting on December 9 in Belagavi.

The Cabinet approved a ₹1,750 crore loan from the World Bank for the Higher Education Department to strengthen the infrastructure and quality of education in government colleges, diploma-granting institutions, and universities. The total project cost would be ₹2,500 crore and the State's share ₹750 crore. The project would facilitate upgrading laboratories, training of teachers, revision of curriculum, upskilling of knowledge for providing employment opportunities.

Drug peddling: Two held

The Hindu Bureau
MANGALURU

The Mangaluru city police have arrested two persons for alleged drug peddling and seized articles worth ₹18.25 lakh, including 200 gm of MDMA worth ₹10 lakh and a car, from them. The police gave the names of the arrested as Darshan, 25, a native of Mysuru and resident of Andralli in Bengaluru, and Chika Joseph Eze, 26, of Anambara State in Nigeria and resident of Bettahalasoor, Bengaluru.

Maternal mortality: Five districts in State have a high ratio of above 100

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As many as 16 districts in Karnataka had an MMR of less than the State average during 2021 -22 to 2023-24. While Chikkamagaluru recorded the lowest at 18, Bengaluru Urban and Bagalkot followed with 21 and 31, respectively. FILE PHOTO

Five districts in Karnataka have a high Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) of above 100, with Chickballapur recording the highest at 159 per lakh live births, according to Karnataka's Civil Registration System (CRS) data from 2021 -22 to 2023-24.

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The five districts – Chickballapur, Dharwad, Haveri, Bengaluru Rural and Tumakuru – have an MMR of 159, 130, 109, 105 and 102, respectively.

Less than State average

As many as 16 districts have an MMR of less than the State average during this period. While Chikkamagaluru has recorded the lowest at 18, Bengaluru Urban and Bagalkot follow with 21 and 31 respectively, according to data.

In fact, maternal mortality has seen significant improvement over the years in Karnataka. According to the latest available Sample Registration System 2018-20 bulletin for the MMR released by the Registrar-General of India in December 2022, Karnataka's MMR has declined by 14 points from 83 per lakh live births in 2017-18 to 69 in 2018-20.

CRS data for three years - from 2021 to 2024 - made available by the Health Department revealed that MMR has further declined from 69 in 2021-2022 to 61 in 2022-2023 and rose marginally to 64 in 2023-2024.

MMR is a significant indicator that defines the public health of a State.

It determines the progress made by States in saving the lives of women during pregnancy, childbirth, and lactation.

Cases in Ballari

According to officials, Ballari District Hospital recorded a total of 6,286 and 6,906 deliveries in 2022-2023 and 2023-2024. This year, from April to October, 4,058 women delivered at the hospital, of which 2,600 were through caesarean sections. At the Ballari Medical College and Research Centre that was formerly known as Vijaynagar Institute of Medical Sciences (VIMS), as many as 7,276 women delivered in 2022-2023, 7,402 in 2023-2024 and 4,536 this year - from April till the end of October. Apart from this, during the last three years till October this year, as many as 20,768 women delivered in other smaller public health hospitals and 15,432 in private hospitals in the district.

While 36 and 39 maternal deaths were recorded in 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 respectively, this year from April till October end the district recorded 22 maternal deaths in Ballari district. Although a team of experts from Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Health Sciences (RGUHS) - set up the government to probe the five deaths in Ballari District Hospital - concluded that the women developed complications and died after they were administered a substandard Compound Sodium Lactate Injection I.P (Ringer's Lactate solution) - an intravenous (IV) fluid that doctors commonly use to restore hydration and fluid balance in the body - official sources said lapses in following protocols by doctors at the hospital cannot be ruled.

BJP's complaint

Holding the Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao accountable for the five deaths, the Opposition BJP has demanded his resignation. A BJP delegation led by Chalavadi Narayanswamy, Leader of Opposition in the Legislative Council, submitted a memorandum to the Karnataka Lokayukta and demanded a judicial probe into the exact cause of maternal deaths, those behind the purchase of substandard drugs and those who tried to suppress the matter.

Responding, Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao said he welcomed the BJP's complaint to the Lokayukta. "We have no intention of hiding anything in this matter. Every life is important to us. As soon as there were suspicions that Ringer's Lactate IV fluid caused the problem, we have frozen the use of this solution at all levels in our hospitals across the State. The company has been blacklisted," he said. The Minister said he will soon inspect the Ballari hospital.

Departments merged

The Karnataka Cabinet on Friday approved the merger of the Drugs Control and Food Safety and Quality Control departments for better coordination and better services.

Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao said, "The Drugs Control Department needs supervision in quality control. Large companies that supply quality drugs should be allowed to participate in the tenders called by KSMCL. The quality of drugs and production needs to be checked more thoroughly. In this regard, a proposal had been submitted to the government suggesting some changes in the tender rules."

Despite weather changes, Ministry projects higher coffee output

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The Coffee Board of India has embarked on a 10-year road map with a target to double the country's coffee production and coffee exports by 2034. FILE PHOTO

Despite fluctuating weather conditions impacting coffee production in Karnataka's key coffee-growing regions, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry has projected a slight increase in coffee output for 2024-25. The production that has been forecast stands at 3.63 lakh tonnes, up from 3.6 lakh tonnes in 2023-24.

Kota Srinivas Poojary, Udupi-Chikkamagaluru MP, raised a question in the Lok Sabha about the coffee production figures for 2023-24 and the estimates for 2024-25. In a written response, Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal revealed that the coffee production in 2023-24 was 3,60,500 tonnes, and the provisional figure for 2024-25 is 3,63,300 tonnes.

In response to a question about the Coffee Board's roadmap for the sector's development over the next decade, Mr. Goyal highlighted the ongoing Integrated Coffee Development Project (ICDP) scheme.

"The activities carried out under the scheme *inter alia* include replantation, quality upgradation, water augmentation, area expansion and consolidation for increasing production, productivity and quality of coffee produced in the country. Under this scheme, the coffee board also promotes Indian coffee in international markets by participating in international events and provides support for increasing high-value and value-added coffee exports," Mr. Goyal said.

Coffee Board of India has embarked on a 10-year road map with a target to double the country's coffee production and coffee exports by 2034, Board chairman M.J. Dinesh said at a recent event.

"We will also increase the area under production during this period. However, the focus will be on creating best yielding varieties and increasing the production from existing plants through best practices and technology upgradation," he said.

Addressing coffee growers at the Karnataka Planters' Association annual conference held recently, Mr. Dinesh said these activities would include forming 100 FPOs (farmer producer organisations) across the country, of which 60 will be in Karnataka. These FPOs, expected to come up within a year, would create additional momentum for the commodity within the country and in global markets, he anticipated.

What is the offing

He said under the 10-year growth plan, the board would identify 10,000 small coffee farmers who would grow speciality coffee varieties.

"We expect these small farmers to come up with a wide range of speciality varieties that can fetch a premium in the global markets," he added.

The board would also facilitate 10,000 coffee kiosks, mostly managed by women, to increase the country's per capita coffee consumption from 107 grams to 250 grams in 10 years, he said.

The board also plans to nearly treble the coffee production from 3.7 lakh tonnes in 2024-25 to 9 lakh tonnes by 2047.

Mr. Dinesh said now the growers are spending ₹1,200 crore to ₹1,300 crore annually to get the coffee harvested through manual labour. This could be reduced with the use of harvesting machines, and IIT Kharagpur, in collaboration with the Coffee Board, has been working on the prototypes of some such machines.

KPA chairman K.G. Rajeev said the grower's body has made a presentation to the Ministry of Commerce and Industries seeking the inclusion of coffee under PM Fasal Bima Yojana and other benefits. Presently, coffee farmers are not covered under insurance, while all other plantation crops are covered under insurance. The KPA has also sought assistance from the Government to promote brand identity for coffee and tea, emphasising their quality and unique characteristics. It has also sought exemption or reduction of customs duty on import of agriculture equipment.

Five killed in road accident in Vijayapura district

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The police inspecting the accident site near Talikote in Vijayapura district on Friday.

Five persons, including two women, were killed on the spot in a head-on collision between a car and a combine harvester, which is used in agricultural activities, near Bilebavi Cross in Talikote taluk of Vijayapura district on Friday.

Superintendent of Police, Vijayapura, Laxman Nimbaragi, gave the names of the dead as Ningappa Patil, 55, Shanthavva Shankar Patil, 45, Bhimshi Sankanal, 65, Shashikala Jainapur, 45, and Dilip Patil, 50, all residents of Aliabad in Vijayapura taluk.

From Yadgir district

The family reportedly had travelled to Agni village in Yadgir district in connection with a marriage proposal and were returning via Talikote when the accident occurred.

The car driver reportedly lost control while trying to overtake another vehicle and rammed into the combine harvester.

The impact of the collision was such that the police had to get an earthmover to clear the mangled metal and extricate the bodies.

249.	ಲಕ್ಷ್ಮೀದೇವಮ್ಮ .ಜಿ.ಹೆಚ್ ಕೋಂ ಕೆ.ಎನ್. ಗೋಪಾಲ್	ಲಕ್ಷ್ಮೀದೇವಮ್ಮ .ಜಿ.ಹೆಚ್ ಕೋಂ ಕೆ.ಎನ್. ಗೋಪಾಲ್	149/2	0–20	–	0–20
250.	ಬಿ.ಎಸ್. ಹೇಮಾ ಕೋಂ ಲೇಟ್ ಕಿರಣ್ ರಘು ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಗಂಗೇಗೌಡ	ಬಿ.ಎಸ್. ಹೇಮಾ ಕೋಂ ಲೇಟ್ ಕಿರಣ್ ರಘು ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಗಂಗೇಗೌಡ	150	1–00	–	1–00
251.	ಗಂಗಹನುಮಕ್ಕ ಕೋಂ ಕೆಂಪರಾಮಯ್ಯ	ಗಂಗಹನುಮಕ್ಕ ಕೋಂ ಕೆಂಪರಾಮಯ್ಯ	151	4–00	–	4–00
252.	ಸಿದ್ದಗಂಗಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ನಾರಾಯಣಪ್ಪ	ಸಿದ್ದಗಂಗಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ನಾರಾಯಣಪ್ಪ	152	2–00	–	2–00
253.	ರಾಮಕೃಷ್ಣಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಚಿಕ್ಕಮಲ್ಲಯ್ಯ	ರಾಮಕೃಷ್ಣಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಚಿಕ್ಕಮಲ್ಲಯ್ಯ	153/1	1–00	–	1–00
254.	ಶ್ರೀನಿವಾಸ್ ಬಿನ್ ಹನುಮಂತಯ್ಯ	ಶ್ರೀನಿವಾಸ್ ಬಿನ್ ಹನುಮಂತಯ್ಯ	153/2	1–00	–	1–00
255.	ಸಂಜೀವಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಹನುಮಂತಯ್ಯ	ಸಂಜೀವಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಹನುಮಂತಯ್ಯ	154	2–00	–	2–00
256.	ಮಂಜುನಾಥ .ಎಂ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಮುನಿಯಪ್ಪ ರೆಡ್ಡಿ	ಮಂಜುನಾಥ .ಎಂ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಮುನಿಯಪ್ಪ ರೆಡ್ಡಿ	155	2–00	–	2–00
257.	ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಮಂಜುಳ.ಜಿ ಕೋಂ ಅಶ್ವಥ್ ರೆಡ್ಡಿ	ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಮಂಜುಳ.ಜಿ ಕೋಂ ಅಶ್ವಥ್ ರೆಡ್ಡಿ	156	2–00	–	2–00
258.	ಸಿದ್ದಗಂಗಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಚಿಕ್ಕಸಿದ್ದಯ್ಯ	ಸಿದ್ದಗಂಗಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಚಿಕ್ಕಸಿದ್ದಯ್ಯ	157	2–00	–	2–00
259.	ಎ. ಕೃಷ್ಣರೆಡ್ಡಿ ಬಿನ್ ಪುರುಷೋತ್ತಮ ರೆಡ್ಡಿ	ಎ. ಕೃಷ್ಣರೆಡ್ಡಿ ಬಿನ್ ಪುರುಷೋತ್ತಮ ರೆಡ್ಡಿ	158	2–00	–	2–00
260.	ನರಸಿಂಹಮೂರ್ತಿ ಬಿನ್ ಗಂಗಯಲ್ಲಯ್ಯ	ನರಸಿಂಹಮೂರ್ತಿ ಬಿನ್ ಗಂಗಯಲ್ಲಯ್ಯ	159	2–00	–	2–00
261.	ಮಂಜುನಾಥ .ಎಂ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಮುನಿಯಪ್ಪ ರೆಡ್ಡಿ	ಮಂಜುನಾಥ .ಎಂ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಮುನಿಯಪ್ಪ ರೆಡ್ಡಿ	160	2–00	–	2–00
262.	ಸಿದ್ದಗಂಗಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಚಿಕ್ಕಸಿದ್ದಯ್ಯ	ಸಿದ್ದಗಂಗಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಚಿಕ್ಕಸಿದ್ದಯ್ಯ	161/1	0–20	–	0–20
263.	ಎ. ಕೃಷ್ಣರೆಡ್ಡಿ ಬಿನ್ ಪುರುಷೋತ್ತಮ ರೆಡ್ಡಿ	ಎ. ಕೃಷ್ಣರೆಡ್ಡಿ ಬಿನ್ ಪುರುಷೋತ್ತಮ ರೆಡ್ಡಿ	161/2	1–20	–	1–20
264.	ರಾಮಕೃಷ್ಣಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಚಿಕ್ಕಮಲ್ಲಯ್ಯ	ರಾಮಕೃಷ್ಣಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಚಿಕ್ಕಮಲ್ಲಯ್ಯ	162	2–00	–	2–00
265.	ನರಸಿಂಹಮೂರ್ತಿ.ವೈ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಯಲ್ಲಯ್ಯ ನಾಗರಾಜು ಟಿ ವೈ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಯಲ್ಲಯ್ಯ ಮಂಜುಳ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಯಲ್ಲಯ್ಯ ಲಕ್ಷ್ಮಮ್ಮ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಯಲ್ಲಯ್ಯ	ನರಸಿಂಹಮೂರ್ತಿ.ವೈ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಯಲ್ಲಯ್ಯ ನಾಗರಾಜು ಟಿ ವೈ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಯಲ್ಲಯ್ಯ ಮಂಜುಳ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಯಲ್ಲಯ್ಯ ಲಕ್ಷ್ಮಮ್ಮ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಯಲ್ಲಯ್ಯ	163	2–00	–	2–00
266.	ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಶೋಭಾ ಕೋಂ ಎಮ್. ಮಂಜುನಾಥ್	ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಶೋಭಾ ಕೋಂ ಎಮ್. ಮಂಜುನಾಥ್	164	2–00	–	2–00
267.	ಎ.ಆನಂದ ಬಿನ್ ಕೆ.ಅಳಗುಮಾಣಿಕ್ಯಂ	ಎ.ಆನಂದ ಬಿನ್ ಕೆ.ಅಳಗುಮಾಣಿಕ್ಯಂ	169	2–00	–	2–00
268.	ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ ಗೋಮಾಳ	ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ ಗೋಮಾಳ	170	0–36	0–36	–
269.	ಕೃಷ್ಣಮೂರ್ತಿ .ಎಂ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಮೂಡಲಪ್ಪ	ಕೃಷ್ಣಮೂರ್ತಿ .ಎಂ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಮೂಡಲಪ್ಪ	171	0–19	–	0–19
			ಒಟ್ಟು	**513–19**	**150–25½**	**362–33½**

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ಕ್ರ.ಸಂ.	ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಹೆಸರು	ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ		
		ಐನು ಎ–ಗು	ಖರಾಬು ಎ–ಗು	ಬಾಕಿ ಎ–ಗು
1	ಬಳ್ಳಗೆರೆ	513–19	150–25 ½	362–33 ½
	ಒಟ್ಟು	**513–19**	**150–25 ½**	**362–33 ½**

ಈ ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ಜಮೀನಿನ ಖಾತೆದಾರರು/ಅನುಭವದಾರರು ಹಾಗೂ ಹಿತಾಸಕ್ತಿದಾರರಿಗೆ ಈ ಮೂಲಕ ತಿಳಿಯಪಡಿಸುವುದೇನೆಂದರೆ, ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಪ್ರದೇಶಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ 1966ರ ವಿಧಿ 28(2)ರ ಮೇರೆ ಅಧಿಸೂಚಿತ ಖಾತೆದಾರರಿಗೆ/ಅನುಭವದಾರರಿಗೆ ತಿಳುವಳಿಕೆ ನೋಟೀಸುಗಳನ್ನು ಹೊರಡಿಸಿ ಜಾರಿ ಮಾಡಲಾಗಿದೆ ಹಾಗೂ ನೋಂದಾಯಿತ ಅಂಚೆ ಮೂಲಕ ರವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ಜಮೀನಿನ ಖಾತೆದಾರರು/ಹಕ್ಕುದಾರರು ಈ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯನ್ನು ಕೆ.ಐ.ಎ.ಡಿ. ಕಾಯ್ದೆ ವಿಧಿ 28(2)ರ ಮೇಲೆ ತಿಳುವಳಿಕೆ ನೋಟೀಸು ಎಂದು ಪರಿಗಣಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದು.

ಪ್ರಸ್ತುತ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆಗೆ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳೇನಾದರೂ ಇದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಭೂಮಾಲೀಕರು/ಹಿತಾಸಕ್ತಿ ಉಳ್ಳವರು ತಮ್ಮ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳನ್ನು ರಾಜ್ಯಪತ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಗೊಂಡ 30 ದಿನಗಳೊಳಗಾಗಿ ಅಗತ್ಯ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳೊಂದಿಗೆ ಖುದ್ದಾಗಿ ಅಥವಾ ಅವರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಅಧಿಕಾರ ಪಡೆದವರು ಈ ಕಛೇರಿಗೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ತಿಳಿಸಿದೆ. ಅವಧಿ ಮೀರಿ ಬರುವ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳನ್ನು ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ ಎಂಬುದಾಗಿ ಈ ಮೂಲಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕರ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ತರಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ಗ್ರಾಮಗಳ ಜಮೀನುಗಳ ವಿಚಾರಣೆಯನ್ನು ವಿಶೇಷ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಛೇರಿ–1 (ಬಿಎಂಐಸಿಪಿ) ಮತ್ತು ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ನೆಲಮಂಗಲ, ಕೆಐಎಡಿಬಿ, ನಂ.14/3, ಸಿ.ಎಫ್.ಸಿ. ಕಟ್ಟಡ, ಮಹರ್ಷಿ ಅರವಿಂದ ಭವನ, 1ನೇ ಮಹಡಿ, ನೃಪತುಂಗ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು–560 001 ಇಲ್ಲಿ ನಿಗದಿಪಡಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಸದರಿ ದಿನಾಂಕದಂದು ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳೊಂದಿಗೆ ಲಿಖಿತವಾಗಿ ಅಥವಾ ಖುದ್ದಾಗಿ ಹಾಜರಾಗಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಸೂಚಿಸಿದೆ.

ಕ್ರ.ಸಂ.	ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಹೆಸರು	ಗೆಜೆಟ್ ಕ್ರ.ಸಂ.		ಸ.ನಂ.		ವಿಚಾರಣಾ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಸಮಯ
		ಇಂದ	ವರೆಗೆ	ಇಂದ	ವರೆಗೆ	
1	ಬಳ್ಳಗೆರೆ	1	269	**6**	**171**	**09.01.2025 ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ**

ಸಹಿ/– ವಿಶೇಷ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನಾಧಿಕಾರಿ–1, ಕೆಐಎಡಿಬಿ (ಬಿಎಂಐಸಿಪಿ) ಮತ್ತು ಬೆಂ.ಗ್ರಾಂ, ನೆಲಮಂಗಲ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು

Hanle observatory is optimal location for beaming quantum signals into space, says RRI

The two next best sites, Mount Abu and Nainital, likely have some unavoidable signal losses

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Scientists at Raman Research Institute (RRI) have found that the Indian Astronomical Observatory (IAO) at Hanle in Ladakh is the optimal location for beaming quantum signals into space.

According to the Department of Science and Technology, satellite-based quantum communications, including quantum key distribution (QKD), represent one of the most promising approaches toward global-scale quantum communications.

To determine the viability of transmitting quantum signals through the atmosphere, it is essential to conduct atmospheric simulations for both uplink and downlink quantum communications, and the practicality of potential locations for the same needs to be determined.

The RRI scientists analysed existing open-source data available on three of India's most sophisticated observatory sites and found the IAO as the prime candidate for this technology.

India's highest Telescope at Hanle village in Ladakh. FILE PHOTO

Geographical diversity

"While similar studies have been conducted in regions like Canada, Europe, and China, India's remarkable geographical diversity – from the Himalayas to coastal plains and from deserts to tropical regions – could make this analysis particularly valuable," the department stated.

The analysis takes into account the deeply interdisciplinary nature of satellite-based quantum communications, where success depends on understanding everything from high-precision telescope operations to complex atmospheric turbulence patterns that can distort quantum signals.

The Hanle site is a dry and cold desert, with temperatures in winter plummeting to minus 25 to 30 degrees Celsius, suffering from low atmospheric water vapour levels and oxygen concentrations.

"Hanle offers all required natural settings suitable for setting up a ground station and undertaking quantum communication over long distances," said Professor Urbasi Sinha, head, the Quantum Information and Computing lab at the RRI.

Ms. Sinha and Satya Ranjan Behera have used existing open-source data on temperature, humidity, atmospheric pressure, and other vital meteorological parameters from three sites - IAO Hanle, Mount Abu in Rajasthan, and Aryabhatta Institute of Observational Sciences, Nainital, Uttarakhand.

Diversity and versatility

"India offers such a vast variety of geographical terrains, and this diversity could potentially make this work as a universal template that could be applied anywhere in the country or across the globe. This versatility could make the research invaluable for future quantum satellite projects worldwide," said Ms. Sinha.

Proposed satellites for establishing secure satellite-based quantum communications orbiting in the Low Earth Orbit (LEO), where the maximum altitude from earth is 500 kms were considered in this work. Based on their analysis, the RRI researchers concluded that IAO Hanle (signal loss - 44dB) was ideal among other sites in India for establishing a potential ground station. The two next best sites were Mount Abu (signal loss - 47dB) and Nainital (signal loss - 48dB), where some unavoidable signal losses were likely.

Man from Bihar held for killing second wife

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Sarjapur police have arrested a 39-year-old wall painter from Bihar for allegedly murdering his second wife and dumping her body in a drain over a fidelity issue.

The suspect, Mohammed Naseem, was tracked down by the police in his home town in Bihar and arrested hours before he was about to marry for the third time.

According to the police, Mohammed Naseem married Rumaisa Khatoon, 22, from his home town and brought her to the city a few months ago.

Fidelity issue

He started suspecting Khatoon of having an illicit affair and used to pick fights with her. He allegedly strangled her, disrobed the clothes, and dumped it in a drain before fleeing to his home town, the police said.

Foul smell

Passersby noticed a foul smell emanating from the drain and alerted the police who then recovered the decomposed body.

The police launched an inquiry and identified the deceased. They tracked down the suspect to his home town.

ISRO ties up with European Space Agency for Gaganyaan missions

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The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and the European Space Agency (ESA) signed a technical implementing plan (TIP) document for Ground Tracking Support for India's Gaganyaan missions.

The TIP enables the ESA to provide ground station support for Gaganyaan missions, which will ensure continuity in data flow and communication with the Orbital Module for monitoring and orbital operations.

The model of a Gaganyaan crew module. FILE PHOTO

Cooperation with ESA

ISRO said that it has a long-standing system of cooperation with the ESA. They have been collaboratively supporting each other in successful accomplishment of several space missions in the past and are committed to collaboration activities in the future. The signing of the technical implementing plan is another step forward in the co-operation between ISRO and ESA.

The plan was signed by Dr Anil Kumar A. K., Director, ISTRAC, on behalf of ISRO, and by Dietmar Pilz, Director of Technology, Engineering and Quality and Director of ESTEC, Netherlands, from ESA, at Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC) on December 4.

The Gaganyaan project envisages demonstration of human spaceflight capability by launching a crew of three members to an orbit of 400 km for a three-day mission and bringing them back safely to Earth by landing in Indian sea waters.

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The first un-crewed mission is scheduled to take place in 2024-25, and the first crewed mission is scheduled in 2025-27.

Government of Karnataka
Public Works Department, Udupi Division, Udupi. (PIU)
Website: https://www.kpwd.gov.in Email:eepwdudp02@gmail.com
No.PWD:UDN: NIT: 27: 2024-25: AE-2 Dated: 06.12.2024

Tender Notice

The Tender for the following works are invited through e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka (Viz. kppp.karnataka.gov.in)

Sl. No	Name of Work	Amount put to tender (in Rs.)	EMD (in Rs)	Las date for Submission of tender in Eprocurment	Eligible Tenderer
1	**Improvement to Kalyanpura-Mudaru from km 17.50 to 18.00 (Upgraded Road) in Kapu Constituency Udupi Taluk & District**	**Rs. 78,44,569.00**	**Rs. 1,56,900**	**21.12.2024**	**Class-III KPWD Contractors**

Executive Engineer,
Public Works Department, Udupi Division, Udupi

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer (Ele),
RR Nagar Zone, 3rd Stage, BEML Complex,
Jawaharlal Nehru Road, Bengaluru-98
No.: EE/ELE/RRN/TEND/05/2024-25 Date: 06.12.2024

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

Executive Engineer (Electrical), Rajarajeshwari Nagara Zone invites Request for Proposal (RFP) from the eligible bidders for selection of concessionaire for **"Appointment of Independent Engineering Agency for conventional lamps with LED lamps along with Centralized Control & Monitoring System (CCMS) in Rajarajeshwari Nagar and Dasarahalli Zones of BBMP in Bengaluru, Karnataka"** under Karnataka Public Procurement Portal (KPPP) platform. The tender schedule is as follows. Further details can be obtained from this office in the working hours.

Tender Schedule:

(1) Tender Reference: **EE/ELE/RRN/TEND/05/2024-25. (2)** Date from which bid document is ready for download through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal (KPPP) of Government of Karnataka (https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/): **07.12.2024. (3)** Last date for submitting clarification if any: **13.12.2024 upto 4:00 p.m. (4)** Date & time of pre-bid meeting: **16.12.2024, 11:30 a.m. (5)** Last date and time for submission of tender in Karnataka Public Procurement Portal (KPPP): **23.12.2024 upto 4:00 p.m. (6)** Date & time of opening of tenders: Technical bid: **24.12.2024 at 4:15 p.m. (7)** Date & time of opening of tenders: Commercial bid (if possible): **27.12.2024. (8)** Contact person for queries: **Executive Engineer (Electrical), Rajarajeshwari Nagar Zone. (9)** Place of opening of tenders and address for communication: **Office of the Executive Engineer (Elec) Rajarajeshwari Nagar Zone, BBMP. (10)** Earnest Money Deposit: **Rs. 1,34,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Thirty Four Thousand Only).**

Note: Completed tender shall be uploaded through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal (KPPP) of Government of Karnataka system only in the manner described under this tender document on or before the last date and time stipulated.

Sd/- Executive Engineer (Ele.),
Rajarajeshwari Nagar Zone, BBMP

Bangalore-Mysore Infrastructure Corridor Area Planning Authority
No. 5, Second Floor, Looplane, Race Course Road,
Bengaluru-560009. Tel: 080-22341230/35,
E-mail: bmicapa@gmail.com
No: BMICAPA/CLU-02/19/2024-25/1285 Date: 06-12-2024

PUBLICATION
(UNDER SEC 14(A) OF KTCP ACT, 1961)

Sri N. Suresh S/o Late Narayana has applied to this Authority seeking Change of land use for the Survey No's mentioned below of Bethangere Village, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk from Agriculture Zone to Industrial and Commercial purpose, under Sec 14(A) of KTCP Act 1961. Details are as follows.

Sl. No.	Sl.No.	Extent	Land use As per Master plan	Change of landuse sought by the Applicant
1.	8/19	0Acre-04Guntas	Agriculture	Commercial
2.	8/30	0Acre-36Guntas	Agriculture	Commercial
3.	8/30	3Acre-00Guntas	Agriculture	Industrial

Applicant has stated that the change of land use sought is in the interest of public by quoting the following;

(1) By developing the Commercial and Industrial Projects in the above said lands, the poor and middle class people will get the jobs and Trade/Business transaction. **(2)** During the development works of the layout there will be opportunity of employment for labourers. **(3)** Surrounding areas will be developed by developing the Commercial Purpose and Industrial Purpose in the above said lands. **(4)** By planned layout the public are benefited with the civic amenities such as good Roads, Parks, etc. **(5)** By developing the Commercial and Industrial area Government will get the various Taxes in the form of revenue.

Objections, if any, are invited from the public, any person may file his/her objection to Member Secretary, BMICAPA, Bengaluru in writing to the above address mentioned in this publication with in 15 days from the publication of this notice. Any objections received after stipulated time will not be considered.

DIPR/CP/RO3658/AAPL/2024-25

Sd/- Member Secretary,
B.M.I.C.A.P.A., Bangalore

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR LOST DOCUMENTS

The General Public is hereby informed that my clients, **(1) MR. GOPAL RANJIT MOHAN,** aged about 72 years, son of Mr. Raman Gopal, **(2) MRS. VIDYA DESAI MOHAN** aged about 66 years, wife of Mr. Gopal Ranjit Mohan, both residing at No. 631, 5th Main, Indirangar II Stage, Bengaluru-560038, **have lost /misplaced the Original Sale Deed dated 03.03.1999** executed by Chamundeswari Built Tech Pvt. Ltd. rep by its Managing Director Sri. M. Ashok in favour of Mr. Gopal Ranjit Mohan and Mrs. Vidya Desai Mohan, registered as Document No. 3047/98-99, Book-I, Volume 1869, pages 106-110 in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Ramanagaram in respect of residential **Site No. T-11** having an area of **2700 sq. ft** in **"EAGLETON-THE GOLF VILLAGE"**, bearing Katha No. **651/T-11/597** situated in Billakempanahalli, Shyanamangala and Banandur Villages, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, and the same is not traceable till date.

A Lost Article Report has been filed with the Karnataka State Police and the acknowledgement bearing No. 1367684/2024 dated 05.12.02024, by the Station House Officer, Bengaluru City has been issued.

Any person in possession of the above referred original document may kindly handover the same to the undersigned. Except Mr. Gopal Ranjit Mohan and Mrs. Vidya Desai Mohan, no other person/s has/have any share, right, title, interest and ownership over the aforesaid immovable property. Any person or persons dealing with the aforesaid property other than Mr. Gopal Ranjit Mohan and Mrs. Vidya Desai Mohan, shall be doing so at their own risk, cost and consequence.

Vivek Anand Anthony Britto
Vir Anthony Britto
Advocates
"Daisville", 633, 5th Main, Indiranagar
II Stage, Bengaluru-560038
Place: Bengaluru Date: 07.12.2024

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
TOWN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL ALAND
Kalaburagi District, Kalaburagi, E-mail: ka.aland.tmc@gmail.com & itstaff_ulb_aland@yahoo.com
No.TMC Aland/15th fin/2024-25 Date: 04.12.2024

:: SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION ::

The Chief Officer, TMC Aland Dist Kalaburagi invites tenders in accordance with KTPP Act 1999 rules 2000 through E-Procurement 2.0 Portal in two cover system using **KW-4 document** from Class-II and above contractors for Various works as detailed below:-
1) Work details : DMA/2023-24/SE1768/CALL-4, DMA/2024-25/OW/WORK_INDENT24753/CALL-2 ST, DMA/2024-25/OW/WORK_INDENT25379/CALL-2 ST, DMA/2024-25/OW/WORK_INDENT24687/CALL-2 GEN, DMA/2024-25/WS/WORK_INDENT25656/CALL-2 GEN, 2) Grant Details: **Various Grants (15th Finance, SFC),** 3) Last Date & Time for online application for tender form : **20.12.2024 upto time 5.30pm**, 4) Date & Time for Opening of Technical Bid : **23.12.2024 upto 11.00 am**, 5) Date & Time for Opening of Financial Bid: **26.12.2024 upto 11.00am**,

Contractors can download and submit the tenders from through E-procurement 2.0 portal at **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and Tender Processing Fee shall also be paid electronically. Postponement of Calender of events (or if any information is only published through e-Procurement 2.0 portal only) and will not be published in newspapers.

DIPR/Kalaburagi/697/KSMC&A/2024-25

Sd/- Chief Officer,
TMC ALAND

THE FEDERAL BANK LIMITED
Regd. Office: Aluva, Kerala.

ZONAL OFFICE: 2nd Floor, Halcyon Complex, No.9, St Marks Road, Bangalore-560 001.
e-mail: bgrr-cpc@federalbank.co.in Phone: 080-22074610/604/613/624/625

BGRR/Online Auction/2024-25 **PUBLIC NOTICE GOLD AUCTION** 05/12/2024

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and the account holders in particular that e-auction of the pledged gold ornaments in the below mentioned account/s will be conducted by Federal Bank Ltd, on 18-12-2024 through online portal, https://gold.samil.in Interested buyers may log on to the auction portal or contact the Bank at contact@federalbank.co.in for further information. In case e-auction is not materialised for any reason on the date mentioned above, with respect any or all items of the pledged ornaments, Bank shall be conducting private sale of the items on any subsequent date/s without further notice.

Br. Bangalore/Banaswadi : No 13, Banaswadi Main Road, Bangalore, Karnataka-560044:- 14716800054509,14716800058724,14716800065315,14716800065844,14716800067501,14716800069820,14716800072196,14716800077260,14716800078607,14716800080694,14716100301253,14716800055522,14716800065554, 14716800066545, 14716800075082. **Br. Jalahalli: 17/1, Savithri, S M Road, Jalahalli West, Bangalore, Karnataka-560015 :-** 15826100626853,15826100627042,15826100629584,15826800051352,15826800051360,15826800056930,15826800058423,15826800065758.
Br. Bangalore/Thanisandra: GF, No.89/1, Thanisandra, K Narayanapura Road, Dr.S R K Nagar PO, Bangalore- 560 077:- 23886800000015.
Br. Bangalore/Basavanagudi: 20/1, Ground Floor, Shri Mallikarjuna Nilaya, Prof.B S Madhava Rao Circle, Basavanagudi, Bangalore, Karnataka- 560 004, Ph No.08026571530 :- 13186100190901,13186800028450,13186800028898. **Br. Bangalore/Marathahalli: No.43, Varthur Main Road, Marathahalli, Bangalore- 560 037, Ph No. 080-25400111:-** 14546800011468,14546800011724,14546800012094,14546800012243.
Br. Bangalore/H S R Layout : No.19, 15th Cross, 15th Main, Sector IV, H S R Layout, Bangalore- 560 102, Ph no. 080 25724492 :- 17696100270301,17696100271770,17696100272026,17696800055408,17696800056364,17696800057206,17696800057743,17696800058220,17696800058360,17696800060416,17696800065845,17696800068765,17696800069763,17696800069771,17696800069904,17696800070332,17696800070498,17696800070878,17696800071694,17696800071702,17696800072775,17696800072890,17696800073146,17696800075091,17696800075216,17696800076453,17696800076628,17696800077469,17696800080018,17696800088011,17696800089332. **Br. Bangalore/Indiranagar: 315/1, 100 Feet Road, Opp Post Office, Indiranagar, Bangalore, Karnataka- 560 038 Ph No.0 80-25212341 :-** 15356100090009,15356800008392,15356800008517.
Br. Bangalore/J P Nagar : No.13, 15Th Cross, 100ft Ring Road, 6Th Phase ,J P Nagar, Bangalore, Karnataka- 560 078, Ph No. 080 26549292:- 18276100334834,18276100335120,18276100335468,18276100335906,18276100336193,18276100336524,18276200016836,18276800085603,18276800087609,18276800091890,18276800092062,18276800092476,18276800104545,18276800106284,18276800108223,18276800110492,18276800111672,18276800121564.
Br. Bangalore/Jaya Nagar: K M Plaza, Kanakapura Main Road, 30th Cross, 7th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560 082, Ph No.080-26655558 :- 13876800005512. **Br. Vidyaranyapura: Ground Floor, No. 1123, Khata No. 1066/2744/1123, 6th Block, HMT Layout, Vidyaranyapura, Bangalore- 560 097 Ph: 9544597221 :-** 23966100000228,23966800000312,23966800001831,23966800001872,23966800002672.
Br. Kengeri: Building No 737, Kommaghatta Main Road, Kengeri Satellite Town, Bangalore- 560 060 :- 19646800002072,19646800004524.
Br. K R Puram : Vsr Complex, Old Madras Road, Krishnarajapuram, Bangalore, Karnataka, 560 036 Ph No. 080-25619070 :- 15616100184072,15616100184874,15616100185285,15616800018653,15616800019651,15616800019669,15616800019693,15616800019768,15616800019917,15616800020808,15616800021004,15616800021558,15616800021616,15616800021863,15616800024313,15616800024875.
Br. Bangalore/R T Nagar : No.20, 1st Main Road, 108 'B' Bus Station, Ganga Nagar, R T Nagar P O, Bangalore, Karnataka, 560 032 Ph no. 080-23434258 :- 14726800048450,14726800049672,14726800049680,14726800050217,14726800050480,14726800057386,14726800058764,14726800058996.
Br. Sadashivanagar: #88, Keerthi, 2nd Main, Palace Guttahalli P O, Bangalore- 560 003 Ph. 080 23565050 :- 21986800013406,21986800016631.
Br. Vignana Nagar : No 124, S R Plaza, Vignana Nagara, Main Road, Bangalore, Karnataka- 560 037 Ph No. 080-25348901 :- 16296800005338.
Br. Bangalore/Vijayanagar: Ground Floor of TRS Arcade, #3, 1st main road, Income Tax Layout, opposite to AM Hospital, Chandra, Vijayanagar, Bangalore - 560 040 Ph No. 080-23159121 :- 16436100360344,16436800077578,16436800079509,16436800086306,16436800089334,16436800090449,16436800090811,16436500006117,16436800091918,16436800091983,16436800092015,16436800094102,16436800103341,16436800103697.
Br. Visweswaraya layout : Site No. 2, 4th Block, Visweswaraya layou, Manganahalli, Ullal Upanagara P.O., Bangalore, Karnataka- 560 110 :- 21676800006571,21676800008254,21676800008601. **Br. Wipro Park Koramangala: Annapoorna Complex, Opp. Wipro Park, No 6,7th Main, 80 Feet Road, 3rd Block ,Koramangala PO , Bangalore- 560 034 :-** 21996100038706,21996800022588,21996800023941,21996800024345,21996800024626,21996800028726.
Br. Mysore: The Variety Mansion, Bangalore Nilgiri Road, Lashkar Mohalia, Lashkar Mohalla, Mysore - 570 001. Ph no. 08212520055 :- 12816800020450,12816800020518,12816800020716,12816800020724. **Br.Mysore/Jayalakshmipuram: No.D3, Leo Madhurya, Adi Pampa Road, Vanivilas Mohalla Post, Mysore - 570002,Ph.0821-2500275 :-** 16896800025713,16896800025796,16896800026331,16896800026562,16896800027073,16896800027461,16896800028063,16896800028246,16896800028295,16896800028311,16896800028436,16896800028527,16896800028774,16896800030366.
Br. Hassan: Ground Floor, St. Antony's Church Complex, NR Circle, HN Pura Road, Hassan, Karnataka- 573 201:- 13546100135035,13546800014901,13546800015536,13546800018167,13546800019058,13546800019348,13546800019496,13546800019603,13546800019611,13546800019728,13546800019983,13546800020205,13546800020544,13546800019769. **Br. Shimoga: Haranahalli Manjappa Complex, Park Extension Road, Durgigudi, Shimoga, Karnataka - 577 201, Ph. 08182-271998 :-** 15906800014079,15906800015712,15906800016124,15906800016389.
Br.Bangalore/Rajaji Nagar : No. 60/60, Raj Chambers, Dr. Rajkumar Road, 2Nd Block,Rajaji Nagar,Bangalore Urban, Karnataka- 560010, Ph NO.-080-23522007.13346800064885,13346800066229,13346800067482,13346800079438,13346800064273,13346800065577,13346800074066,13346800067110,13346800068043,13346800068258,13346800067383,13346800068829.

Bangalore 05-12-2024 Senior Vice President & Zonal Head

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Cabinet clears Bill to levy tax on mineral rights, mineral-bearing land

The proposed law is estimated to bring revenue of ₹4,713 crore a year to the State exchequer

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The State Cabinet on Friday approved the Karnataka (Mineral Rights and Mineral Bearing Land) Tax Bill, 2024, to make provisions for levy and collection of tax on exercise of mineral rights and on mineral-bearing land by the State government.

The Bill would be tabled during the Winter Session of the State legislature which is scheduled to start on December 9 in Belagavi.

A file photo of an iron ore mining area at Ramgadh near Sandur in Ballari district.

For different mines

The Bill, cleared in the Cabinet meeting presided over by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, proposes to levy a tax from ₹20 to ₹100 per tonne for different minerals. The tax per tonne of bauxite and laterite, manganese, and iron ore mineral-bearing land is proposed at ₹100, copper ore at ₹50, limeshell at ₹20, by-product of gold at ₹50, and all other minerals which are not specified at ₹40.

The proposed law is expected to bring revenue of ₹4,207.95 crore, and tax on land-bearing minerals would fetch another ₹505.9 crore a year.

Briefing reporters on the Cabinet decisions, Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister H.K. Patil said in Karnataka mining leases have been broadly categorised into five types based on the method of grant and payment of additional amount.

They are mining leases granted through non-auction route before 2015, mining leases granted to Central/State PSUs before 2015 and not completed 50 years from the date of original grant, mining leases granted to Central/State PSUs before 2015 and completed 50 years from the date of original grant, mining leases granted to Central/State PSUs after 2015, and mining leases granted through auction after 2015.

The proposal is to levy a different rate of tax based on the category of mines, considering the present additional payment paid by the lessee. However, a uniform rate of tax is proposed for the mining leases which fall under the same category.

Earlier, the Karnataka (Mineral Rights) Tax Act, 1984, was termed as "unconstitutional" by the Supreme Court. However, the Supreme Court on July 25, 2024, held that legislative power to tax mineral rights vests with the States. The verdict had overruled a 1989 judgment which held that only the Centre has the power to impose a royalty on minerals and mineral-bearing land.

The court also ruled that the value of minerals or mineral produce could be used as a basis for taxing mineral-bearing land. The Supreme Court ruled that the States can collect mineral taxes on mineral-bearing land and mineral rights with retrospective effect from April 1, 2005.

The Cabinet approved the Karnataka Minor Minerals Rules (2024) and this would fetch additional revenue of ₹311.55 crore. The royalty to be paid for mining stone and minor minerals has increased from ₹70 to ₹80 per tonne. The government revises the rules once in three years for fixing the royalty.

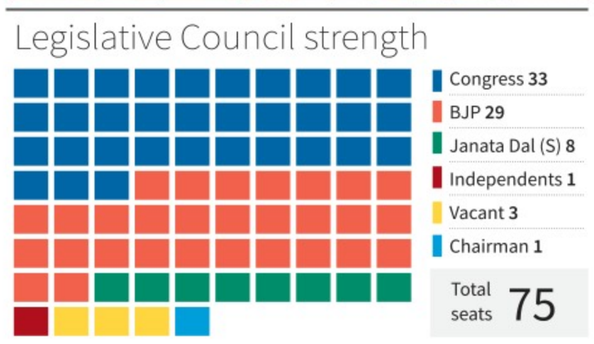
OTS for stone crushers

The Cabinet approved a one-time settlement (OTS) for collecting royalty and penalty from 2,438 unauthorised and illegal construction by stone crushers.

The differential global positioning system was used for surveying the stone-crushing area in 11 districts. The pending royalty was estimated at ₹1,221 crore and five times penalty amount was ₹6,105.98 crore. The amount of royalty was fixed at ₹60 a tonne. The survey is yet to be conducted in 20 districts.

Clear majority continues to elude Congress in Legislative Council

Sharath S. Srivatsa
BENGALURU



As the Winter Session of the Karnataka legislature is set to commence on December 9, a clear majority continues to elude the Congress government, despite retirements and resignation resulting in three vacancies in the Upper House. Though the Congress is inching towards attaining majority in the Legislative Council with the balance tilting in its favour, it will not be able to push its Bills through without hassles, and the lone Independent member could hold the key.

Currently, the strength of the Congress and Opposition BJP and Janata Dal (Secular) remains almost equal with the Independent member, Lakhan Jarkiholi, a former BJP leader from Belagavi, becoming crucial to party equations in the Council.

In the 75-member Upper House, the Congress has 33 members, BJP 29, and the JD(S) has eight members. The House composition will not change for the Winter Session since the Congress government is yet to nominate its candidates for the three vacant seats.

Bills not passed

With a lack of majority, the Congress, which came to power in May 2023, failed to get the temple management Bill and the Souharda cooperative amendment Bill passed in the Council in the past one year.

Some crucial Bills, including those aimed at amending the anti-conversion Act and the cow slaughter Act, which was promised in the Congress manifesto, have not been moved for want of majority.

With the term of two members - U.B. Venkatesh and Prakash Rathod of the Congress - expiring, and the resignation of C.P. Yogeshwar, who subsequently got elected to the Assembly from Channapatna, three vacancies have arisen in the nominated category. Besides, the term of another nominated member from the JD(S), K.A. Thippeswamy, is coming to an end on January 27, 2025. A total of four nominated seats will be available for the government by the end of January 2025, which will help it to take the Congress' strength to 37.

The next big window for the Congress could be in June 2026, when seven members will retire while the term of five members (including the one seat currently vacant) nominated by the government will come to an end on July 21, 2026.

In July 2024, when elections to three graduates' and three teachers' constituencies were held, the Congress managed to win three seats while the JD(S) won two seats and the BJP one seat.

Legislative Council sources told *The Hindu* that though the Congress will be tantalisingly close to achieving the crucial majority in the Upper House, it will fall short by one vote.

"The Independent, Lakhan Jarkiholi, will hold the key in many decisions that the Council may take after January 2025. In extraordinary circumstances, even Council Chairman Basavaraj Horatti can emerge to be an important factor with his casting vote breaking a deadlock," sources said.

Congress sources said that though workers and leaders have started lobbying for the four nominated seats to be filled by the government, both Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar have told them that the process of selection for nomination to the Council would be initiated only in January 2025, as the Winter Session in Belagavi would consume their time in December.

Horatti is safe

Sources also said that despite the Congress coming very close to a majority, Mr. Horatti is unlikely to feel the heat. "Not only is he the senior-most member of the House, he also enjoys a good equation with both the Chief Minister and the Deputy CM."

Guidelines on inter-corporation transfer of funds get approval

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Karnataka Cabinet has approved guidelines for inter-corporation deposit investments to enable the government to transfer surplus funds owned by a profit-making government corporation to another corporation, instead of borrowing loans from banks at higher interest rates.

For instance, under this provision, a profit-making deposit/surplus funds of the Karnataka State Beverages Corporation Ltd. can be transferred to the Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation to provide better bus services. However, funds would be transferred from one entity to another entity after the State Cabinet's approval. However, there are only a few profit-making corporations in the State.

The Karnataka Protection of Interest of Depositors in Financial Establishments (Amendment), Bill, 2024, was approved by the Cabinet and it will be tabled in the coming session of the legislature for safeguarding the interests of depositors, Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister H.K. Patil told pressperssons after the Cabinet meeting on Friday.

Nikhil to meet Shah ahead of local body polls

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Janata Dal (Secular) Youth Wing president Nikhil Kumaraswamy on Friday met BJP Karnataka incharge Radha Mohan Das Agarwal in New Delhi, ahead of the zilla and taluk panchayat elections in Karnataka.

Mr. Nikhil Kumaraswamy is scheduled to meet Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday to seek guidance to strengthen the NDA in Karnataka, particularly with reference to local body elections, according to a statement from the JD(S.)

In the meeting with Mr. Agarwal, Mr. Nikhil Kumaraswamy said the JD(S)-BJP alliance had put up a strong fight against the Congress and emphasised the need to build on it, according to the statement.

Mr. Nikhil Kumaraswamy recently fought the bye-election from the Channapatna Assembly constituency but lost to the Congress. His father and Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy has hinted that he would play a bigger role in the party organisation.

Poultry farms don't need licence to purchase grain from APMCs for feeding birds: High Court

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Stating that the purchase of foodgrains for feeding its own poultry does not constitute marketing or commercial trading by poultry farms, the High Court of Karnataka has said that such farms are not required to take a licence under the Karnataka Agricultural Produce Marketing (Regulation) Act, 1966, to purchase foodgrains from the APMC yards.

Licensing requirement under the APMC Act is aimed at regulating the trade of agricultural produce, and it is not intended to cover purchases made for personal agricultural use, such as feeding birds in poultry farms, the High Court has said. FILE PHOTO

The licensing requirement under the APMC Act is aimed at regulating the trade of agricultural produce, and it is not intended to cover purchases made for personal agricultural use, such as feeding birds in poultry farms, operation of which does not involve the resale or commercial distribution of foodgrains, and hence, insistence on obtaining licence is erroneous, the court said.

Notices quashed

Justice Sachin Shankar Magadum passed the order while quashing the notices issued by officials of the APMC to Sri Lakshmi Poultry Complex in Hagaribommanahalli, Ballari district, and Kittur Chennamma Poultry Farm, Kittur, Belagavi district. The notices were issued asking the petitioner-farms to obtain licence from the APMC and submit accounts of their trade.

Pointing out that the activity of poultry farming has been considered an agricultural activity under the provisions of the Karnataka Land Reforms Act, which has the backing of judicial pronouncements, the court said the APMC Act applies to entities that engage in the buying and selling of agricultural products within the regulated markets, such as traders, commission agents, and others involved in commercial activities.

As petitioner-farms are not operating as a trader, processor, or warehouseman, nor are they involved in any commercial marketing activity in a regulated market, the court said the authorities cannot insist the farms to obtain a licence under the APMC Act as the petitioners are buying foodgrains to feed their birds in the farm and not for commercial distribution or resale.

The court also pointed out that Section 8(b)(ii) of the APMC Act explicitly exempts purchasers, who buy agricultural produce for domestic consumption, which in the present case extends to agricultural use like feeding poultry in farms. "Therefore, insisting on a licence for the petitioners, who are purchasing foodgrains for personal agricultural use, is an unlawful overreach by APMC officials," the court said and added that the act of the officials asking the petitioners to obtain licence amounts to abuse of power.

Bihar Dy. CM opens 'Makhana Mahotsav' in Bengaluru

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

To expand the market for Bihar's important crop, makhana, and other food products, the Bihar government has organised a two-day 'Makhana Mahotsav' here, said Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Samrat Chaudhary on Friday.

After inaugurating the mahotsav, Mr. Chaudhary said, "Bihar is known as a State of pure politics. But, we are also keen on being recognised as a developed State. This mahotsav is to introduce Bihar's main crop, makhana, to the States of South India and create a market here."

Bihar accounts for 50% of the country's makhana production and there is a good demand for makhana and its food products in almost all the States of North India. "Bengaluru is a good city to create demand in the States of South India as well. By organising the mahotsav in Bengaluru, our intention is to reach other States, including Tamil Nadu and Kerala," he said.

A research centre has been set up in Bihar to further boost the production of makhana crop. Makhana crop, which now has a GI tag, is being recognised at the international level, the Deputy Chief Minister added.

Bihar Agriculture and Health Minister Mangal Pandey said, "Makhana production has brought about a huge change in employment and industry in Bihar. The market for makhana products is expanding year by year, and last year there was a turnover of ₹ 150 crore."

BCIC forms council of associations to unite industries for common goals

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Bangalore Chamber of Industry and Commerce (BCIC) on Friday announced the formation of a council of associations (CoA), a collaboration and coming together of all industry bodies in Karnataka, to jointly work towards common goals and lend a unified voice for industries in the State.

Common platform

"Through CoA, we aim to provide a common platform where all issues, concerns, and strategies can be freely deliberated upon in the larger interest of industries. We look forward to presenting a more cohesive voice before policymakers, regulators, and other stakeholders, ensuring that the industries' interests are effectively represented," said Vineet Verma, president of the BCIC.

Through collaboration, the council of associations would also be able to pool resources and share knowledge and expertise to undertake and execute large-scale business projects, research initiatives, and other trade activities that would be difficult to accomplish individually, he said.

Other founding members of the CoA are Bidadi Industries Association, Electronics City Industries Association, Federation of Karnataka Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Karnataka Small Scale Industries Association, Karnataka Employees Association, Laghu Udyog Bharathi, Peenya Industries Association, and Whitefield Area Commerce and Industries Association.

'Majority are peace-loving in India and in Bangladesh'

The Hindu Bureau
HUBBALLI

Writer Siddhalinga Pattanashetti has said that while a majority of the people both in India and Bangladesh were peace-loving who believed in coexistence, a few vested interests at the behest of ruling dispositions were instigating people to indulge in communal violence.

He was speaking at the Pratiorodha Dina (Resistance Day) organised by the Centre for Protection of Democratic Rights and Secularism (CPDRS) against increasing communalism in India and Bangladesh and for promoting communal harmony, in Dharwad on Friday.

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR LOST DOCUMENTS

The General Public is hereby informed that my clients, **(1) MR. GOPAL RANJIT MOHAN,** aged about 72 years, son of Mr. Raman Gopal, and **(2) MRS. VIDYA DESAI MOHAN,** aged about 66 years, wife of Mr. G.R. Mohan both are residing at No. 631, 5th Main, Indirangar II Stage, Bengaluru-560038, **have lost /misplaced the Original Sale deed dated 05.12.2003** executed by Mr. H. Basavaraj s/o Sri. H. Jayanand in favour of Mr. Gopal Ranjit Mohan and Mrs. Vidya Desai Mohan, registered as Document No. BNG(U)KRP 17683/2003-04, Book- I, in the office of the Head Quarter Sub-Registrar, K.R. Puram, Bangalore in respect of residential property bearing **Villa No. 245,** Municipal List No. 12, in the layout known as **"Palm Meadows"**, developed by M/s. Adarsh Developers, situated in Whitefield Village Panchayath, Bengaluru East Tauk and the same is not traceable till date.

A Lost Article Report has been filed with the Karnataka State Police and the acknowledgement for the same bearing No. 1367750/2024 dated 05.12.02024, by the Station House Officer, Bengaluru City has been issued.

Any person in possession of the above referred original documents may kindly handover the same to the undersigned. Except Mr. Gopal Ranjit Mohan and Mrs. Vidya Desai Mohan, no other person/s has/have any share, right, title, interest and ownership over the aforesaid immovable property. Any person or persons dealing with the aforesaid property other than Mr. Gopal Ranjit Mohan and Mrs. Vidya Desai Mohan, shall be doing so at their own risk, cost and consequence.

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Place: Bengaluru Date: 07.12.2024

HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA, BENGALURU-01
HCC No.03/2024 **Date: 05.12.2024**
BRIEF-SHORT TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tender is called by the High Court of Karnataka, Bengaluru towards Procurement of 439 Nos. of Batteries for the existing different KVA UPS under buyback scheme installed in the District and Taluka Court Complexes in the Karnataka Judiciary through e-Procurement Portal of Centre for e-Governance, Bengaluru.

The last date to upload the tender is fixed as **13.12.2024 at 4:00 p.m.** For more details visit **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/#/portal/searchTender/live** website.

Sd/-
(N.G.Dinesh)
Registrar (Computers) and
Tender Inviting Authority,
High Court of Karnataka, Bengaluru.

DIPR/CP/3657/MAA/24–25

Kerala HC raps TDB for giving actor 'VIP treatment' at Sabarimala

The Hindu Bureau
KOCHI

The Kerala High Court on Friday slammed the Travancore Devaswom Board (TDB) and the police for giving 'VIP treatment' for actor Dileep during his visit to Sabarimala on Thursday.

It directed the TDB to take necessary steps to ensure that such incidents were not repeated.

The court noted that Mr. Dileep had entered the Sannidhanam with police escort. When he visited the temple, elderly people and children had to return without a proper darshan.

The Bench orally observed that giving VIP treatment for certain individuals could not be taken lightly.

Shah slams Kerala govt. for delay in giving report on Wayanad disaster

Responding to Wayanad MP, Home Minister noted that Kerala govt. took over three months to submit necessary details following the landslides; according to report, State has estimated recovery and reconstruction costs at ₹2,219 crore

The Hindu Bureau
KALPETTA

Union Home Minister Amit Shah has highlighted the Kerala government's alleged delay in submitting its assessment memo regarding the Wayanad landslides. In a response to a request by Wayanad MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, he noted that the State took about three-and-a-half months to submit the necessary documentation following the incident.

The landslides occurred on July 30, causing significant damage and displacement in the region. The State government has since submitted a report estimating the recovery and reconstruction costs at ₹2,219 crore.

Wayanad MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra meets Amit Shah in New Delhi, urging him to release financial aid to the district. X/@INCINDIA

Mr. Shah said the Union government is 'committed' to supporting the affected population.

To facilitate immediate relief, the Centre released the first instalment of ₹145.60 crore on July 31, followed by another ₹145.60 crore on October 1. Furthermore, the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) holds ₹782.99 crore for relief operations.

An Inter-Ministerial Central Team (IMCT) was formed on August 2 to assess the damage without waiting for the State's memorandum. The IMCT visited the affected areas from August 8 to 10. The Kerala government submitted its formal memorandum on August 19, requesting an additional ₹214.68 crore from the NDRF for immediate relief.

However, Ms. Vadra posted on X that disasters should not be about politics. Efforts to support the victims of such disasters must prioritise humanity and compassion, she said.

High Court seeks details of SDRF funds and utilisation

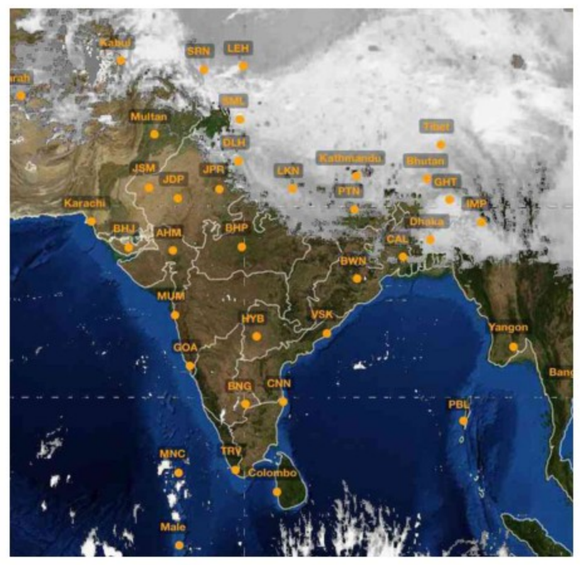
The Hindu Bureau
KOCHI

The Kerala HC on Friday asked the State government to file a statement regarding the details of the funds available in the SDRF and its utilisation. It The court made the observations when a *suo motu* case relating to the prevention and management of natural disasters in the State came up for hearing.

The court orally observed that "a lot of bickering" was happening on the allocation of funds.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



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Forecast for Saturday: Dense fog likely in isolated pockets of Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram and Tripura. Squally weather is likely to prevailing over southern parts of southeast Bay of Bengal, along and off Somalia coast and parts of northwest Arabian Sea

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Ahmedabad	—	30.8	17.9	Kurnool	—	32.6	23.2
Aizawl	—	25.7	11.4	Lucknow	—	25.7	9.6
Allahabad	—	27.6	11.0	Madurai	—	32.6	23.1
Bengaluru	2.2	28.7	20.3	Mangaluru	0.2	32.5	20.6
Bhopal	—	28.0	14.0	Mumbai	—	34.4	24.4
Bhubaneswar	—	31.6	19.3	Mysuru	—	30.6	18.6
Chandigarh	—	25.4	6.6	New Delhi	—	25.1	8.5
Chennai	—	32.1	25.5	Patna	—	24.8	14.1
Coimbatore	—	31.9	23.0	Port Blair	—	30.7	25.0
Dehradun	—	24.0	8.0	Puducherry	—	32.2	24.4
Gangtok	—	11.6	8.9	Pune	—	34.9	22.4
Goa	—	34.0	26.0	Raipur	—	32.8	19.2
Guwahati	—	25.5	16.0	Ranchi	—	25.5	13.0
Hubballi	—	30.0	21.0	Shillong	—	22.0	12.0
Hyderabad	—	30.2	22.2	Shimla	—	18.4	8.4
Imphal	—	21.7	9.9	Srinagar	—	11.8	-4.8
Jaipur	—	26.3	12.2	Thiruvananthapuram	12	33.7	23.6
Kochi	—	30.6	25.4	Tiruchi	—	31.9	24.6
Kohima	—	19.0	7.0	Vijayawada	—	32.2	24.2
Kolkata	—	28.2	16.2	Visakhapatnam	—	30.7	24.1

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.13	..77	36	 95	...109	
Bengaluru	...9	..15	52	 46	84	
Chennai	...9	..25	39	 49	61	
Delhi	.16	222	69	... 244	...256	
Hyderabad	...5	..99	61	 82	...135	
Kolkata	.15	120	21	... 187	...155	
Lucknow	...7	..40	60	... 136	...157	
Mumbai	...2	135	29	... 214	...149	
Pune	..—	..17	45	... 152	...108	
Visakhapatnam	...9	..45	37	 84	87	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Byrnihat, Assam recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 322 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Mangaluru, Karnataka recorded a healthy AQI score of 20

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Attack on TDP office: 13 held

The Hindu Bureau
VIJAYAWADA

The Andhra Pradesh CID police probing the case of attack on TDP Gannavaram office, arrested 13 persons involved in the attack.

A group of YSR Congress Party activists and followers of former MLA Vallabhaneni Vamsi attacked the TDP office on February 20, 2023. After vandalising the party office, the protesters torched vehicles, creating tension in the area.

SC to hear plea to reduce water level at Mullaperiyar

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

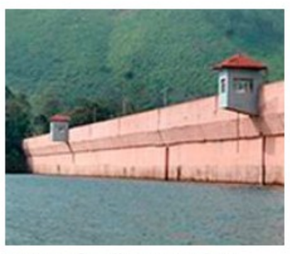
The Supreme Court on Friday fixed in January a detailed hearing of a petition seeking to bring down the permissible water level of the Mullaperiyar dam in Kerala from 142 ft to 120 ft to obviate the possibility of a dam breach.

A Bench of Justices Surya Kant and Ujjal Bhuyyan asked petitioner-advocate Mathews J. Nedumpara, who appeared online, to come and present his case in person in court.

Wayanad landslides

The petition filed by Mr. Nedumpara referred to the recent landslides in Wayanad, which claimed over 220 lives, making it one of the worst natural disasters in recent times. "You have raised several constitutional issues. It is better you come to court and argue the case," Justice Kant told Mr. Nedumpara.

"In view of the recent tragedy in Wayanad, the water level of the dam has to be brought below 120 ft as many experts have opined," it said.



A view of Mullaperiyar dam near Idukki.

Mr. Nedumpara had red-flagged that if Mullaperiyar dam was breached, "lives and properties of five million people of Kerala would be at grave risk".

The petition has said the limestone-and-surkhi dam was commissioned in 1895 and had an estimated lifespan of only 50 years.

Dam breach fears

"People of Kerala fear that the dam may break. If it happens, it is said that the districts of Idukki, Ernakulam, Alappuzha, Kottayam will be completely washed away," the petition has claimed.

The plea has argued that two judgments of the Supreme Court, in 2006 and 2014, had prevented the decommissioning of the Mullaperiyar dam and the construction of a new dam in its place.

It said the judgments were erroneous. The plea said in the event of Mullaperiyar dam breaking, the flood waters would be absorbed by the Idukki dam. According to Mr. Nedumpara, the two judgments found the dam "eternally safe".

ऑयल एण्ड नेचुरल गैस कॉरपोरेशन
Oil and Natural Gas Corporation
Godavari Bhavan, Rajahmundry, Andhra Pradesh
Phone: 9385261788/9969228745/9968282973

INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)
FOR DEMAND ASSESSMENT

ONGC Rajahmundry Asset invites EOI from potential gas buyers/service providers for demand assessment of natural gas available on fall back basis from the Malleswaram (16°21' 30.02" N, 81°17' 06.80" E) field.
The details are as follows:

Max gas quantity, SCMD	Delivery point	Period of availability	Delivery Pressure (Ksc)	Gas Quality
50,000	MSAA EPS	5 years	1-3 Kg/cm2	As is where is
			250 Kg/cm2	PNGRB
			Any other requirement (Consumer to specify)	

Prospective buyers and service providers may log into **https://tenders.ongc.co.in** for further details. Also, requested to fill out the response sheet available in the website. For further queries, Contact: **barailY_sudamakumar@ongc.co.in/n_aadarsh@ongc.co.in**

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL PRISONS AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES
#04, Seshadri Road, Bangalore-560009.
Phone: 080-22262263, email: phq.prisons-kar@gov.in

TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Director General, Prisons and Correctional Services, Bangalore invited the following tenders for Supply, installation and maintenance of X-Ray Baggage Scanners and Walkie-Talkies for various Central and District Prisons as under.

	Tender No. and Date	approx. Tender value
1	PCSD/2024-25/IND0195, Dt. 30/11/2024	Rs.175 Lakhs
2	PCSD/2024-25/IND0196, Dt. 30/11/2024	Rs.125 Lakhs

The information of Pre-bid meeting, last date and time for tender submission and other details can be obtained at e-procurement portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**. For more information, please contact the above office.

Sd/-
Director General
Prisons and Correctional services

DIPR/CP/3656/Zenkar/2024-25

BANGALORE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
T. Chowdaiah Road, Kumara Park West, Bangalore - 560 020

No. BDA/EE(DSKL)/TEND/273/2024-2025 Date: 06.12.2024

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)

(Through GoK e-procurement platform https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in)
The Executive Engineer, Dr. K. Shivarama Karantha Layout Division, BDA, Bengaluru on behalf of the Commissioner, BDA, Bengaluru invites tender from eligible firms/agencies for the work of **Demolition of Existing Building, of "A" Block consisting of 262 units of 16 floors in Platinum City, Industrial Area, Stage 1, Peenya, Bengaluru-560022.** No. of Units: **262.** EMD: **Rs. 10.00 lakhs.** Period of Completion: **6 months including Monsoon Period.** For any other details, log on to the website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** or contact this office. KPPP Helpdesk: **080-25501216/25501217**

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Dr. K. Shivarama Karantha Layout Division, BDA, Bengaluru

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY & VETERINARY SERVICES,
Office of the Commissioner, Pashupaalana Bhavana, 1st Floor, Opp. to CBI Office, Bellary Road, Hebbal, Bengaluru-560 024.
Email : jdfarmsahvs@gmail.com Ph: 080-23412767

No.: CAH/Feed/Tender/Viva-1/2024-25 Dated: 06-12-2024

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(KPP portal mode Only)

The Commissioner Of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services, Government Of Karnataka, Bangalore, hereby invites tender through Website: KPP Portal from eligible tenderers for Supply of Poultry & Piggery Feed for the year 2024-25. Approximate Tendered Amount is **Rs.250 Lakhs.** Complete tender documents can be viewed by visiting KPP Portal website from date: **06-12-2024** and tenderers can upload all the necessary documents through KPP Portal from dt: **06-12-2024 to Dt: 04-01-2025 till 5.30p.m.** Further information can be obtained from KPP Portal and concerned officer in this office during office hours.

Sd/- Deputy Director (Fodder & Dairy), &
Member Secretary, Tender Inviting Committee,
Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services

DIPR/CP/3649/Zen/2024-25

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(BELLARY THERMAL POWER STATION)
CIN : U85110KA1970SGC001919

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through E-Procurement Portal Only)

Tenders are invited through GoK e-procurement portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** from the reputed contractors/agencies/firm for the following works.

1) KPCL/2024-25/PM/WORK_INDENT2075/CALL-2 Date: 30.11.2024. Providing and commissioning of 1 no. Hydraulic Excavator for CHP works. **Total Tender Amount :** Rs.39,87,500/-. **EMD:** Rs.67,600/-.
2) KPCL/2024-25/PM/WORK_INDENT2134/CALL-2 Date: 30.11.2024. Name of work : Availing services of 1 no. Excavator for CHP works. **Total Tender Amount :** Rs.15,93,000/-. **EMD:** Rs.33,750/-.

Last date for submission of bids on 09.12.2024 up to 17:00 Hrs. and Opening of technical bid is on 10.12.2024 @ 17:05 Hrs. Further details can be had from the office of the Executive Engineer (CHP) Mechanical -2, BTPS, KPCL, Kudathini 583152, Bellary (District), Contact Mobile Number +919448290755.

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer (Ele), East Zone, 16th floor, P.U.Building, M.G. Road, Bengaluru.
No: EE/ELE/East/TEND/09/2024-25 Date: 06.12.2024

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

Executive Engineer (Electrical) East zone, BBMP, invites Request for proposal (RFP) from the eligible bidders for "Appointment of Independent Engineering Agency for Implementation of Energy Efficiency Project for streetlights by replacement of existing conventional lamps with LED lamps along with Centralized Control & Monitoring System (CCMS) in East and Bommanahalli (Partial) Zones of BBMP in Bengaluru, Karnataka", Under Karnataka Public Procurement Portal (KPPP) Platform. The Tender Schedule is as follows. Further details can be obtained from this office in the working hours.

Tender Schedule

Tender Reference	EE/ELE/East/TEND/09/2024-25
Date from which Bid document is ready for download through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal (KPPP) of Government of Karnataka **(http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in) 07.12.2024**	
Last date for submitting clarification if any **13.12.2024** at **4:00** pm	
Date & Time for Pre-Bid Meeting on **16.12.2024** upto **11:30** am	
Last Date and Time for Submission of Tender in Karnataka Public Procurement Portal (KPPP) on **23.12.2024** upto **4:00** pm	
Date and Time of Opening of Tenders: Technical Bid on **24.12.2024** upto **4:15** pm	
Date and Time of Opening of Tenders: Commercial Bid on **27.12.2024** (If Possible)	
Place of Opening of Tenders and Address for Communication	Executive Engineer (Electrical), East Zone
Earnest Money Deposit: Rs.1,34,000/- (Rs. One Lakh Thirty Four Thousand only)	

Note: Completed tender shall be uploaded through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal (KPPP) of Government of Karnataka System only in the manner described under this tender Document on or before the last date & time stipulated.

Sd/- Executive Engineer (Ele),
East Zone, BBMP

DEPARTMENT OF PRISONS AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICE
KARNATAKA STATE
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT,
CENTRAL PRISON, PARAPPANA AGRAHARA,
ELECTRONIC CITY POST, BENGALURU-560100

No.CPB:TENDER/13948/2024-25 Dated: 05-12-2024

KPP Portal NOTICE

The purchases of Factory Machinery to be procured through KPP Portal as per the KTPP Act and Rules.

1) Tender Indent No.: As per KPP Portal. Brief detail of Tender: **The purchases of Factory Machinery. EMD Amount :** As per KPP Portal. Last date for Submission: As per KPP Portal. Bidders can also take KPP Portal details from website: **kppp.karnataka.gov.in or Helpline No. +91-8046010000, +91-8068948777.**

Sd/- Chief Superintendent
Central Prison, Bengaluru Prisons and Correctional Services.

DIPR/CP/RO3648/3AAPL/2024-25

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer (East Zone, Lakes), Room No.309, Annex-3 Building, BBMP Head Office, N.R. Square, Bengaluru-02.
No: EE/Lakes/East/TN-02/2024-25 Date: 05-12-2024

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)
(Through GOK KPP Portal only)

Tender on item rate basis are invited by the undersigned for the works mentioned below from the registered contractors of BBMP or equivalent registration with CPWD/KPWD/Railways/MES or any State Government organizations.

Sl. No.	Name of Work
1	Providing chain link fencing over retaining wall, construction of Gazebo, waterbody fence painting, kerb painting in Kelagina Byrasandra lake-**Call 2. Type of Tender:** Single cover. **Value of work:** Rs.24.00 Lakhs. **EMD:** Rs.41,000/-. **Stipulated period of completion:** 6 months. **Eligibility of Contractor:** General.

Calendar of Events: 1) Availability of tender documents: **07.12.2024 after 10.00 hrs.** 2) Last date & time for receipt of tenders: **21.12.2024 upto 16:00 hrs.** 3) Opening of bid: **23.12.2024 at 10:30 hrs.**

Further details can be had from the office of the above during office hours on all working days or visit KPP portal website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Lakes-East Zone, BBMP

Town Municipal Council, Hukkeri
Sl No:TMC/HUK/SFCSpl9-20/2024-25 Date: 05.12.2024

E-TENDER (Through E-Portal)

The Chief Officer, Town Municipal Council Hukkeri invites itemwise E- tenders from eligible Civil Class-I Contractor, registered in PWD Department in Two Cover System using KW/3 as per standard bid document Under SFC Special grant Scheme for the year 2019-20 1) **DMA/2024-25/BR/WORK_INDENT32429** Construction of Box Culvert near TMC Office in Hukkeri [Tender Cost: 99.05 Lakhs.], 9 Months (Excluding Rainy Season)

1. Last date for submitting Quoted tenders on or before date:03-01-2025 at 4.30 P.M. 2.Technical Bid opening of tenders Date:04-01-2025 after 4.30 P.M onwards. 3. Financial Bid opening of tenders Date:06-01-2025 after 4.30 P.M onwards.

Post-ponement of calendar of events (if any) is only through e-Procurement portal and will not be published in newspapers

For further details and conditions of tenders are available at E-procurement website Karnataka Public Procurement Portal https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/-(Shri Ishwar.C.Sidnal)
KMAS grade -1
Chief Officer
TMC Hukkeri

Sd/-(Shri Imran R Momin)
President
TMC Hukkeri

DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-1262/KSMCA/2024-25

ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ.
ನಂ:ದಾಮಪಾ:ಕಾಅ1.ಇ.ಟೆಂಡರ್:36:2024–25 ದಿನಾಂಕ:06–12–2024

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ
(ಕೆಪಿಪಿಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ)

2023–24 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ಶುದ್ಧಿ ಗಾಳಿ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮ (ಎನ್.ಸಿ.ಎ.ಪಿ.) (ಉಳಿಕೆ) (2ನೇ ಕರೆ)– 01 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ, 2015–16 ಮತ್ತು ಅದಕ್ಕಿಂತ ಹಿಂದಿನ ಸಾಲುಗಳಲ್ಲಿನ ಶೇಕಡ 24.10 ಟಿ.ಎಸ್.ಪಿ. ಯೋಜನೆಯ ಉಳಿತಾಯ ಮೊತ್ತ (2ನೇ ಕರೆ) – 01 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ, 2024–25 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ನಿಧಿ – 02 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ, 2024–25 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ನಿಧಿ (2ನೇ ಕರೆ) – 01 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ, ಎಸ್.ಬಿ.ಎಂ. 2.0 ಅನುದಾನ (3ನೇ ಕರೆ) – 01 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ಒಟ್ಟು 06 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಕೆಪಿಪಿಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಸಿಂಗಲ್/ಡಬಲ್ ಕವರ್ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಕರೆಯಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು/ಪಜನ್ಸಿದಾರರು/ಸರಬರಾಜುದಾರರು ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ವೆಬ್ ಸೈಟ್ https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in ನಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಾಗಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಬಹುದು. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆಯ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ವೆಬ್ ಸೈಟ್ www.davanagerecity.mrc.gov.in ರಲ್ಲಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಕೆಪಿಪಿಪಿ ಸಹಾಯಕ ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: +91–8046010000 +91–8068948777 ರಿಂದ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು. ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ, ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಿಟ್ಟ ಮೊತ್ತ, ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ. ಮೊತ್ತ ಮತ್ತು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಿನಾಂಕಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವುದೇ ಬದಲಾವಣೆ ಇದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಕೆಪಿಪಿಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಗಮನಿಸುವುದು ಹಾಗೂ ಯಾವುದೇ ಪತ್ರಿಕಾ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಗಳನ್ನು ಹೊರಡಿಸಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.

ಕ್ರಮ ಸಂ.01, 02, 03, 04 ರ ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗೆ : ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ.ಯಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾದ ದಿನಾಂಕ : 10–12–2024 ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಪಡೆಯಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ & ವೇಳೆ : 18–12–2024 ಸಮಯ : 16.00 ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಅಂತಿಮ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ವೇಳೆ : 18–12–2024 ಸಮಯ : 17.00 ಟೆಂಡರ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ & ವೇಳೆ : 20–12–2024 ಸಮಯ : 11.00

ಕ್ರಮ ಸಂ.05 ರ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ : ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ.ಯಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾದ ದಿನಾಂಕ : 10–12–2024 ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಪಡೆಯಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ & ವೇಳೆ : 24–12–2024 ಸಮಯ : 16.00 ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಅಂತಿಮ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ವೇಳೆ : 24–12–2024 ಸಮಯ : 17.00 ಟೆಂಡರ್/ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ & ವೇಳೆ : 26–12–2024 ಸಮಯ : 11.00

ಕ್ರಮ ಸಂ.06 ರ ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗೆ : ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ.ಯಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾದ ದಿನಾಂಕ : 10–12–2024 ಪ್ರೀ ಬಿಡ್ ಮೀಟಿಂಗ್ ದಿನಾಂಕ & ವೇಳೆ (ರೂ.100.00 ಲಕ್ಷ ಮೇಲ್ಪಟ) : 18–12–2024 ಸಮಯ : 11.00 ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಪಡೆಯಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ & ವೇಳೆ : 24–12–2024 ಸಮಯ : 16.00 ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಅಂತಿಮ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ವೇಳೆ : 24–12–2024 ಸಮಯ : 17.00 ಟೆಂಡರ್/ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ & ವೇಳೆ : 26–12–2024 ಸಮಯ : 11.00

ವಾಸಾಇ/ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ/563/ಕೆಎಸ್ಎಂಸಿಎ/2024–25

ಸಹಿ/–ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು,
ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ, ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ

Staying the course

The RBI has done well to stay focused on inflation amid rate cut clamour

The Reserve Bank of India's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC), in its latest bi-monthly review, has decided to maintain status quo on the benchmark interest rate of 6.50% for the eleventh consecutive time. As the panel's chairman RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das emphasised, the last mile of disinflation is turning out to be prolonged and arduous for emerging and developed economies. India's retail inflation, after trending below the median 4% target, for the first time in five years, for two months, spiked over September and October, with food prices leading the price pinch. At its October meet, the six-member MPC had voted 5:1 to hold interest rates, stating the inflation-growth balance was 'well-poised'. That poise has been shattered, with the economic ground shifting dramatically in the intervening period – while inflation has surged, the deleterious growth numbers for the second quarter have compounded the mix with GDP rising just 5.4% as opposed to the 7% estimated by the RBI. The government has sought to paint the growth blip as a transient occurrence rather than as a sign of an enduring slowdown, but Ministers had called for interest rate cuts from Mint Street even before the GDP print.

It is, perhaps, not a surprise then that the vote of the MPC, which includes three external members, on holding interest rates this time around, has changed to 4:2. Governor Das acknowledged that the near-term inflation and growth outcomes have turned somewhat adverse. He also effectively scotched the clamour for the MPC to look through food inflation, noting that the RBI is bound by the flexible inflation targeting framework laid down in the law that requires headline inflation to be addressed. The central bank's mandate is to maintain price stability while supporting growth but growth is also impacted by persistently high inflation that cramps households' spending power, as he pointed out, and this is already visible in urban spends. Both the trajectories warrant closer monitoring for now, and it is not as if a 0.25 percentage point rate cut would tangibly shift consumption or investment impulses in the short run. The RBI remains hopeful of GDP growth recovering and inflation cooling in the second half of the year, even as it revised its 2024-25 projections for the former to 6.6% from 7.2%, and for the latter to 4.8% from 4.5%. Some consider even these downgraded projections as optimistic, but if the Centre takes some fresh steps to cool prices, such as rolling back the import duty hike on edible oils, and spur consumption, it would be able to hasten the interest rate cuts it desires.

Silica scars

Mine workers need early diagnosis and treatment of silicosis

India's growth aspirations have spurred the national mining industry to extract more minerals for use in construction. One such mineral is silicon dioxide, or silica, an important component of sand and stone. Mine workers exposed to silica dust for many years have a heightened risk of developing silicosis, wherein microscopic silica particles are lodged in lung tissue, hampering their normal function. The risk of silicosis is age-agnostic and determined by exposure, and is chronic after onset. Thus it threatens millions of workers, many of them young. In 1999, the Indian Council of Medical Research reported that more than eight million people in the country were highly exposed to silica dust; this population could only have increased since the national government has opened new mines and expanded old ones. On November 29, the National Green Tribunal (NGT) directed the Central Pollution Control Board to draft new guidelines *vis-à-vis* "granting permission for [silica] mining and washing plants", and the Uttar Pradesh government and Pollution Control Board to set up health-care facilities in areas with silica mines. The NGT is well-intentioned but mine workers are desperate for action.

The Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code 2020 requires mine workers' employers to notify threats of bodily harm to workers and workers developing specific diseases, including silicosis. But operators often do not notify the Directorate General of Mines Safety, preventing the state from developing an actionable awareness of mine operators' workplace practices; nor have States of their own initiative strived to collect this data. The potential for special hospitals to ameliorate this situation is also unclear: the Code obligates qualified medical practitioners to notify silicosis cases to the Chief Inspector-cum-Facilitator, yet it already required operators to provide free annual health check-ups, which have failed to reveal silicosis cases. Health-care providers have even been known to misrecord silicosis as tuberculosis. The NGT also noted that "concerned authorities" are not living up to the law. The state's passivity is thus the principal roadblock to mine workers' welfare, which guidelines are unlikely to surmount. The passivity also flies in the face of climate justice, an idea India has ironically wielded in multilateral fora to demand concessions on emissions and adaptation financing. The nation's mineral resources are concentrated in 'resource frontier' States that have low literacy and health-care coverage, a disorganised labour force, and where mining provides crucial revenue. When the state diverts the concessions to suppliers of cheap silica, workers tolerate bad working conditions and delay seeking medical or legal recourse until the silicosis has become life-threatening.

Public health — insights from the 1896 Bombay Plague

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Understanding how public health crises intersect with surveillance, control, and governance is crucial for addressing modern challenges. Historical epidemics, such as the 1896 Bombay Plague, reveal how authorities have navigated these issues. In colonial India, mapping and policing were not just disease management tools; they served as instruments of surveillance and control. Examining these strategies offers insights relevant to contemporary public health policy and practice.

The colonial state's response

The Bombay Plague of 1896-97 devastated colonial India. Introduced into Bombay through Far Eastern trade networks, it quickly spread throughout the subcontinent, causing hundreds of thousands of deaths by 1899. It exposed the inadequacies of the existing public health infrastructure. In response, the colonial administration created the Indian Plague Commission in 1898, led by T.R. Fraser of the University of Edinburgh, to investigate the outbreak. The Commission conducted extensive inquiries, recording testimonies and producing voluminous documentation. Yet, it struggled to identify the plague's precise origin or the nature of its transmission. This difficulty emerged partly because the colonial authorities saw the plague less as a communal health issue and more as a problem of maintaining order through surveillance and control.

Unlike John Snow's 1854 cholera map in London that pinpointed affected individuals and led to epidemiological breakthroughs, the Indian Plague Commission's maps focused on railways, inspection points, camps, and police cordons rather than the homes of plague victims. These maps highlighted where people could be stopped, inspected, or confined. They used unusual colour and detail, suggesting a desire to project efficiency and obscure the epidemic's severity. By emphasising where the disease could infiltrate rather than who was affected, these maps reframed the epidemic. Instead of illuminating the distribution of cases, they underscored the colonial state's need to monitor and restrict movement, reflecting the belief that control of mobility equalled control of the disease.

Policing lay at the heart of plague management. Quarantine measures, inspections, and confinements relied on police enforcement rather than on community trust or public health education. Observation camps near railway stations became key sites where populations were scrutinised. Military ward orderlies were introduced into hospitals and municipalities, legitimising the idea that force would curb disease.

Police stations, not just medical establishments, were primary data nodes, with local watchmen reporting deaths to the police, who then relayed them to higher authorities. This integration of policing into the health apparatus solidified the notion that health crises demanded a top-down, coercive response. Over time, professionalisation gradually shifted such duties toward medical professionals, but the historical precedent reminds us how policing once defined the architecture of disease surveillance.

Plague maps and power dynamics

The design of the plague maps and their emphasis on railway lines, inspection stations, and cordons influenced both perception and action. Vibrant colours and meticulous detail conveyed a sense of order and efficacy, directing attention to the state's interventions rather than the epidemic's victims. The maps downplayed the suffering of communities and masked the real scale of the crisis by focusing on surveillance infrastructure. They thus reinforced power dynamics, showing how data and its representation can serve dominant interests. Instead of illustrating the human toll, the maps suggested that proper control would triumph over chaos, reinforcing the colonial narrative that disease was best managed through discipline rather than empathy.

This historical episode offers insights for the present. The legacy of integrating policing and surveillance into public health efforts persists, though it now takes different forms. Modern systems often rely on medical professionals for data collection and patient tracking, reflecting shifting ethical standards and professional practices.

Yet, the question remains of how public health measures are framed. The 1896 plague response shows that framing can reshape policy, determining whether the emphasis lies on caring for individuals or exercising authority over them. Recognising this dynamic helps ensure that today's health policies do not uncritically reproduce the inequities or heavy-handed tactics of the past.

The issue of oversight and ethics

Ethical considerations arise when public health responses privilege control over community well-being. The history of the Bombay Plague exemplifies how data collection and mapping techniques, if guided by oppressive frameworks, can become tools for enforcing power rather than improving health. The past invites us to consider more humane and participatory approaches, ensuring transparency and respect for individual rights. Authorities must resist the temptation to treat populations as objects of surveillance rather than partners in safeguarding public health. Balancing effective oversight with ethical obligations remains a core challenge, as does acknowledging that representation – be it in maps or databases – shapes how problems are understood and addressed.

This episode also signals that while surveillance mechanisms have evolved, their underlying logic may still influence decision-making. Today, advanced data collection methods can render entire populations visible to the state, raising critical questions about privacy, trust, and the fair distribution of resources. Reflecting on the colonial response to the plague helps us understand that data should be a means to enhance health and safety rather than to reinforce existing hierarchies or curtail freedoms. We must remain vigilant that new technologies and methodologies serve the collective good.

In learning from the Bombay Plague's history, we see that health crises often lay bare existing power structures. The authorities in the late 19th century chose to rely on policing and surveillance, shaping the way the epidemic was understood and managed. By studying these choices, we can recognise the importance of framing health challenges in ways that affirm human dignity. We can strive to ensure that contemporary public health strategies, while leveraging sophisticated tools, remain rooted in empathy, equity, and evidence. Awareness of past missteps can guide future governance, inspiring policies that foster cooperation rather than fear, and that earn the trust and collaboration of the communities they are meant to protect.

Building on the revival of the manufacturing sector

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India's journey to becoming a global manufacturing hub has gained momentum with the government's strategic policy initiatives, particularly the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme. This scheme has been instrumental in transforming the manufacturing landscape in sectors such as mobile manufacturing, electronics, pharmaceuticals, automobile, and textiles, among others, through enhanced production, exports and job creation.

The scheme's impressive performance has been mirrored by the results of the Annual Survey of Industries (ASI) for 2022-23, released recently, which reveals a positive correlation between PLI scheme incentives and sectoral performance. In the ASI data, manufacturing output registered a robust growth rate of 21.5%, while gross value added (GVA) grew by 7.3%. This expansion comes on the back of the PLI scheme's success, showcasing that many sectors benefiting from the scheme have performed particularly well. Basic metal manufacturing, coke and refined petroleum products, food products, chemicals and chemical products, and motor vehicles – many of which are covered under the PLI scheme – collectively contributed 58% to the total manufacturing output and registered an output growth of 24.5% in 2022-23.

Recovery of the manufacturing sector

ASI surveys are a vital source of data on the registered, organised manufacturing sector in the economy. They include factories with 10 or more workers using power, and those with 20 or more workers, without power. The results of the ASI 2022-23 show a healthy double-digit expansion in the growth rate of manufacturing sector output – at 21.5% – despite a high base of 2021-22 which saw a sharp rebound as the economy emerged from the COVID-19 pandemic-induced slump. The impressive growth in output and value added in 2022-23, as compared to the pre-pandemic period, indicates that the manufacturing sector is slowly but steadily turning the corner after the disruptions in recent years.

The performance of the manufacturing sector shows that the stage is set for India to become a global manufacturing powerhouse. However, strong reforms are needed to fully capitalise on the manufacturing potential.

The success of the PLI scheme underscores the need to expand its scope beyond the traditional industries where manufacturing activity is concentrated. Extending PLI incentives to labour-intensive sectors such as apparel, leather, footwear and furniture, as well as sunrise industries such as aerospace, space technology and MRO could unlock new growth frontiers. There are also sectors with high import dependency but untapped domestic capabilities such as capital goods. This can help in reducing vulnerability to global demand fluctuations and supply chain disruptions. Promoting green manufacturing and incentivising research and development in advanced manufacturing technologies can further enhance India's manufacturing competitiveness.

The striking gap between manufacturing output growth (21.5%) and GVA growth (7.3%) – as the ASI data show – is largely driven by soaring input prices, which surged by 24.4% in 2022-23. This divergence suggests that while production volumes are rising, industries are grappling with elevated input prices, which have eroded their value addition. With bulk of the inputs being imported, it is pivotal to bring down their landing costs in the country. To bring this to fruition, a more streamlined import regime that simplifies tariffs into a three-tier system, with 0 - 2.5% for raw materials, 2.5% - 5% for intermediates, and 5% - 7.5% for finished goods, could help mitigate these input costs, enhance competitiveness, and improve India's integration into global value chains.

Strong reforms are needed for India to fully capitalise on its manufacturing potential

A concentration of industrial activity

The regional imbalance in manufacturing activity, with Maharashtra, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, and Uttar Pradesh, collectively accounting for over 54% of total manufacturing GVA and 55% of employment, highlights the concentration of industrial activity in a few States. This regional imbalance not only hinders equitable development across the country but also limits the sector's overall growth potential. For India to fully capitalise on its manufacturing capacity, it is essential for States to be an active participant in India's growth story by implementing the fundamental factor market reforms in areas such as land, labour and power in addition to developing infrastructure, and promoting investments.

Focus must move to MSMEs and women

For manufacturing to serve as a true catalyst for inclusive growth, special attention must be given to micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME) and increasing women's participation in the workforce. MSMEs contribute around 45% of India's manufacturing GDP and employ about 60 million people. Tailoring PLI incentives to accommodate MSMEs, by lowering capital investment thresholds and reducing production targets, would empower these enterprises to scale up, innovate and integrate more effectively into value chains.

Enhancing female workforce participation is an untapped opportunity for boosting manufacturing growth. The World Bank's latest South Asia Development Update estimates that India's manufacturing output could rise by 9% if more women join the workforce. Developing supportive infrastructure such as hostels, dormitories, and childcare facilities near factories could significantly boost women's participation in manufacturing, driving output and inclusive development.

To transform the Indian economy into a developed economy by 2047, the manufacturing sector ought to play a critical role. As in the CII's own estimations, its share in the GVA has a potential to rise from the current 17% to over 25% by 2030-31, and to 27% by 2047-48 if sustained efforts to boost domestic manufacturing capabilities and domestic value addition continue. Apart from boosting its competitiveness by improving ease of doing business and bringing down cost of doing business, seizing the current moment by leveraging on the slew of policy measures will be imperative for the manufacturing sector.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bills and their names

Going by the grotesque and unintelligible names being given to new laws and central government sponsored programmes, the BJP-led government at the Centre appears to be totally insensitive to the impact in non-Hindi speaking States ("Uproar in House over Hindi names for Bills", December 6). Proceedings in Parliament are conducted as if the south does not exist. The government would do well to understand that it could be sowing the seeds of alienation with its insensitive acts.

Manohar Alembath,
Kannur, Kerala

The knack of the current dispensation to christen Bills in Hindi is unwarranted and misplaced. The non-Hindi speaking States have rightly raised their opposition, when such names are difficult to pronounce for even a Hindi speaker. The government ought not to use this as a subterfuge to aggravate the linguistic divide. It is advisable that the primary medium of naming Bills be in English for easier understanding across the country. Hindi can be used as the secondary medium.

Aanya Singhal,
Noida, Uttar Pradesh

The Centre's language push is nothing but imposition. It is bizarre to be having the Centre defending the move as a "reflection of Indian culture and legacy". Bona fide Indian culture and legacy lie in unity in diversity and inclusiveness.

S. Seshadri,
Chennai

The government of the day is an alliance government. It is baffling how its allies have agreed to "Hindi imposition", which is violative of constitutional requirements and anti-people.

D. Sethuraman,
Chennai

'Traitor' barb

The BJP draws a false equivalence between the Opposition's demand for a JPC probe into the Adani issue as derailing India's growth story. Does it mean to say that it is okay having unethical and illegal business practices as a driver of the economy? Corruption cannot be condoned in the name of "wealth creation" or "infrastructural development" by a tycoon. The BJP is trying the use of ploys such as "India-baiters" and the "foreign hand" to deflect attention from the Adani issue.

G. David Milton,
Maruthancode, Tamil Nadu

E-pass issuance

There are some 'computer *mayams* (centres) in Coimbatore that are charging exorbitant rates to issue an e-pass for travel to the Nilgiris and other places. The Tamil Nadu Government can fix a rate for this pass to be issued. It was exasperating to pay ₹130 for an e-pass recently. There are *mayams* that charge the pass holder between ₹30-₹50 for the pass and printout.

Vivek Vincent John,
Coimbatore

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A landslide killed seven people in VOC Nagar in Tiruvannamalai district of Tamil Nadu. The rescue operation involved 170 personnel, including members of the National Disaster Response Force. C. VENKATACHALAPATHY

The cyclone that battered Tamil Nadu

Cyclone Fengal has wreaked havoc in Puducherry and Tamil Nadu, claiming 12 lives and affecting 14 districts. While the Tamil Nadu government says it was prepared for heavy rainfall, the complex and slow-moving cyclone posed a challenge to weather experts and the administration alike. **K. Lakshmi** and **D. Madhavan** report on how the cyclone changed course, leaving a trail of destruction

On the evening of December 1, a family of four and three of their neighbours huddled together under a metal roofed single-room house, in VOC Nagar, a residential area at the foot of the Arunachala hill in Tiruvannamalai district. They listened as torrential rains brought by Cyclone Fengal pounded the district in interior Tamil Nadu.

S. Meenakshi, 27, who lives opposite the house, recalls the tragedy that occurred shortly after. Her sister, R. Meena, 26, and Meena's husband, N. Rajkumar, 32, both brick kiln workers, had returned home the previous evening as their workplace, located 20 kilometres from the temple town, had flooded. Meenakshi says the couple had been working in the brick kiln for a few years and had often stayed there for weeks to complete tasks before returning to VOC Nagar.

That Sunday was special for Rajkumar as he had come back to his children – 9-year-old Goutham and 7-year-old Iniya – after working tirelessly for a month at the kiln, she says. Meenakshi's daughter, Ramya, 13, had also gone to Rajkumar's house along with two neighbours – Vinothini, 14, and Maha, 10.

"Around 4.30 p.m., we heard a deafening sound. Meena called out to me and I rushed out," says Meenakshi. "The next few moments were a blur. A heap of mud, boulders, and debris came rolling down the hill. Meena rushed inside to bring the children out but it was too late. My sister's home was buried," she says, sobbing.

All the seven occupants were instantly killed. Other houses in the neighbourhood were completely or partially destroyed. Relatives searched for loved ones in the slush amid relentless rains until a rescue team, led by Tiruvannamalai Collector D. Baskara Pandian, reached the site. They evacuated nearly 250 families from the hills, moved them to community halls in Tiruvannamalai town, and gave them food and medicines.

The seven bodies were recovered after a nearly 20-hour operation by a 170-member team, including 35 personnel of the National Disaster Response Force, and a sniffer dog the next evening. "When the team retrieved two bodies from the spot, they saw that Rajkumar had been holding Iniya tightly," recalls a senior official.

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> **G. SUNDARARAJAN**
> Poovulangin Nanbargal

A trail of destruction

While heavy rainfall during the northeast monsoon is common at this time of the year in Tamil Nadu, the State and the Union Territory of Puducherry did not expect Cyclone Fengal to cause such widespread devastation when it crossed the eastern coast on the night of November 30. On December 1, unusually heavy rainfall (40 cm to 50 cm) was recorded in many places in Puducherry and the northern and northwestern parts of Tamil Nadu. Among the coastal districts, Chennai was less affected.

The cyclone then slowly drifted westward, dumping rains, causing floods, submerging acres of crops, damaging civic infrastructure, and displacing thousands of people. When it later moved inland, it pummelled several districts. Mailam in Villupuram district received 51 cm of rainfall on December 1 and Uthangarai in Krishnagiri district received 50 cm on December 2. Some areas of Villupuram such as Kedar and Soorapattu received more than 33 cm of rainfall on a single day.

D. Vasanthkumar, 51, of Muthu Nagar in Nellikuppam, Cuddalore district, spent an entire night on the stairway leading to his terrace as floodwater had entered his house. "Local officials gave us flood alerts at 8 p.m. asking us to evacuate the street. But the water level rose rapidly in the area and a few of us were stranded. It took two days for the floodwater to recede," he says. While Vasanthkumar managed to salvage important documents that were lying in his loft, he lost most of his electronic devices.

In his letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi this week, Chief Minister M.K. Stalin said 12 lives were lost in the cyclonic storm that had wreaked havoc in 14 districts. Villupuram, Tiruvannamalai, and Kallakurichi received more than 50 cm of rainfall in a single day, which was equal to an entire season's share. He noted that more than 2.11 lakh hectares of agricultural and horticultural land had been inundated and nearly 963 cattle had died. About 9,500 km of roads, 1,847 culverts, and 417 tanks had been damaged. Stalin said that the cyclone had overwhelmed the State's resources and requested the Centre to release ₹2,000 crore from the National Disaster Response Fund to assist rehabilitation efforts.

Besides compensation for damaged crops, the Tamil Nadu government announced relief of ₹2,000 per family in the districts of Villupuram, Cuddalore, and Kallakurichi on December 3. Stalin also donated one month's salary towards the Chief Minister's Relief Fund to execute relief measures in the six worst-affected districts. On December 6, the Union Home Ministry approved the release of ₹944.80 crore to the Tamil Nadu government as the Central share from the State Disaster Response Fund to help the people affected by the cyclone.

Puducherry Chief Minister N. Rangaswamy announced relief assistance of ₹5,000 to all ration cardholders affected by the cyclone in the UT and ₹30,000 per hectare to affected farmers.

Crops under water

Four days after the rains subsided, Villupuram, a predominant agricultural district, is struggling to return to regular life. Nearly 80,520 hectares of crops are damaged, many lakes have breached their banks, and the Malattaru and Then Pennai rivers are brimming with floodwater.

V. Tamilarasi, 64, of Pillur village in Villupuram taluk, is searching for someone to help her clear the deposits of sludge that cover her agricultural land. Flash floods in the Then Pennai river submerged crops. She has also lost two goats.

"I cultivated black gram and casuarina plantations in three acres. The crop is submerged under six feet of water. I spent ₹2 lakh for cultivation. I don't know how I am going to manage the loss," she worries.

Villages such as Pillaiyarkuppam and Arasamangalam have become small islands. They did not have power and communication networks for three days, which left many stranded or confined to their houses without water or food.

"The district previously experienced such large-scale floods in 1972. This time, I was caught unawares. While village administrative officers helped us, officials and elected representatives came much later," Tamilarasi says.

The situation was no different in the urban stretches of Villupuram. S. Neela, 55, of Ashakulam, spent nearly a day cleaning the muck and waste that floodwater had brought into her house on December 1.

"Our street had waist-deep water. My family of four managed with 20 litres of packaged water for three days. We had to put up with the sewage that had mixed with the stagnant water for three days. We all worked together to drain the water as we didn't get immediate help," she says.

R.T. Murugan, district secretary, Tamil Nadu Vivasayigal Sangam (All India Kisan Sabha), says, "Crops in various parts were on the verge of drying for want of water until the downpour. We have not seen such water flow in the Malattaru and Then Pennai rivers in December. I was preparing for paddy harvest for Pongal and recently sowed black gram in an acre. I face a loss of ₹50,000 as floodwater marooned my land. Poorly maintained water bodies in villages too led to quick damage."

Several residents say they want Villupuram to be declared as a disaster-affected district.

Vehicles in the Uthangarai area of Krishnagiri following heavy rainfall on December 2. PTI

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> **G. JAYAKUMAR**
> Pananhuppam, Villupuram district

Floodwaters in Puducherry

Puducherry heaved a sigh of relief after the storm passed through the region on December 1, but was hit by another disaster when water was discharged from the brimming dams of Tamil Nadu, particularly the Sathanur dam in Tiruvannamalai on December 2.

The discharge of 1.68 lakh cubic feet per second (cusecs) of floodwater from the Sathanur dam sparked a political debate. The Opposition parties blamed the ruling Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam government for the deluge in the northern districts without prior notice. Refuting the claims of a self-created disaster, Water Resources Minister Duraimurugan noted that sufficient flood warnings had been given and flood discharge was planned considering the safety of the dam and the lives of the people.

The Water Resources Department noted that uncontrolled Then Pennai river catchment worsened the flood situation. Record-breaking rainfall in Krishnagiri and flash flood in tributaries such as Koraiyar and Kallar accelerated flow in the river that was already in spate. There is no mechanism to gauge rainfall or the floodwater generated in the Then Pennai's tributaries.

A senior Water Resources Department official says Sathanur reservoir received an inflow of 40,000 cusecs within four hours from December 1 night. The reservoir did not have sufficient storage capacity to store the entire inflow, the official adds. "We adhered to the rules and there was no lag in flood warning. After 1972, when the dam discharged nearly 2.57 lakh cusecs, this is the second time that such a high quantum of surplus water was released," the official says.

However, G. Jayakumar of Pananhuppam, Villupuram district, who helped people reach relief camps, says, "Flood warnings did not reach the villages (A.K. Kuchipalayam and Kallipattu) close to the riverbanks. Residents assumed it would be another normal rain spell. Many left behind their belongings and cattle to save their lives."

When the Water Resources Department team visited Villupuram, they were aghast at the damage. "We could not identify boundaries of water bodies and roads. The district is generally mostly dry in December. The teams are now assessing the damage," the official says.

In Sathanur village, S. Arul, president of the village panchayat, rescued several elderly residents from huts that were submerged in floodwater and shifted them to a school. "They also lost important documents in the floods," he says.

Predicting the path of a cyclone

Many officials say it is difficult to be fully prepared for a cyclone that causes such extensive damage. This is especially because it is difficult for weather models to pick up extreme weather events at a particular place, according to meteorologists.

Cyclone Fengal remained a low-pressure system after forming in the far eastern Indian Ocean on November 14 and became a depression in the Bay of Bengal only after 10 days. It moved relatively slowly for another week before the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said it had become a cyclone. On November 28, the IMD announced that Cyclone Fengal would cross the north Tamil Nadu-Puducherry coasts on the morning of November 30. The cyclone moved at a leisurely pace. While fast-moving cyclones tend to retreat quickly, slow-moving ones weaken into a deep depression, dumping unprecedented amounts of rainfall.

S. Balachandran, Additional Director General of Meteorology, Regional Meteorological Centre, Chennai, says the cyclone had undergone changes in its intensity over the ocean due to multiple factors. "The Regional Meteorological Centre had given sufficient forecasts and rainfall alerts for north Tamil Nadu on November 30 and December 1. Most of the forecasts were accurate. But in Krishnagiri and Dharmapuri, the prediction on rainfall intensity went off the mark," he says.

The storm remained stalled over the ocean for six hours. It moved slowly towards the north and then slightly towards the east before moving towards the west and crossing the coast.

"The reason for the cyclone remaining stationary is a bit obscure and there are no immediate explanations for it," says Y.E.A. Raj, former Deputy Director General of Meteorology, Chennai. "Though the clouds associated with the cyclonic storm were floating over the land, the centre of the cyclonic storm was close to the ocean and was able to draw a lot of moisture from the ocean. Since it got fed with all that moisture, it retained its intensity. This triggered a high amount of rainfall."

Pointing out that the global warming and climate variability are likely to increase such unpredictable local weather patterns, G. Sundararajan of Poovulangin Nanbargal, a group advocating environmental protection in Tamil Nadu, says, "There is an urgent need to bridge gaps in last mile communication on flood warnings and weather alerts. We also need to map landslide susceptibility in all the districts so that we are better prepared for such disasters."

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Amid high inflation, RBI retains repo rate at 6.5%

"Food inflation pressures are likely to linger in the third quarter (Q3) of this financial year, and start easing only from Q4 of 2024-25, backed by seasonal correction in vegetable prices, kharif harvest arrivals, likely good rabi output and adequate cereal buffer stocks," Mr. Das said.

Adverse weather events

The Governor also said the increasing incidence of adverse weather events, heightened geo-political uncertainties and financial market volatility posed upside risks to inflation. "The MPC believes that only with durable price stability can strong foundations be secured for high growth. The MPC remains committed to restoring the inflation growth balance in the overall interest of the economy," he said.

Terming the current growth-inflation flux a "critical juncture", the Governor said "prudence and practicality demand that we remain careful and sensitive to the dynamically evolving situation with all its complexities and ramifications". A *status quo* in monetary policy had thus become appropriate and essential, he reasoned, deftly sidestepping calls for interest rate cuts to support growth from some quarters of the government.

To ease the potential liquidity stress in the system as more cash could be required to pay direct taxes and GST, the RBI has decided to reduce the cash reserve ratio (CRR) of all banks to 4% of net demand and time liabilities (NDTL) in two equal tranches of 25 bps each with effect from the fortnight beginning December 14, 2024 and December 28, 2024.

"This reduction in the CRR is consistent with the neutral policy stance and would release primary liquidity of about ₹1.16 lakh crore to the banking system," he said.

To attract more capital inflows, the RBI has decided to increase the interest rate ceiling on FCNR (B) deposits. Accordingly, effective from Friday, banks are permitted to raise fresh FCNR(B) deposits of 1 year to less than 3 years maturity at rates not exceeding the ceiling of overnight Alternative Reference Rate (ARR) plus 400 bps as against 250 bps at present.

Similarly, for deposits of 3 to 5 years maturity, the ceiling has been increased to overnight ARR plus 500 bps as against 350 bps at present. This relaxation will be available till March 31, 2025.

Misri to visit Dhaka on Dec. 9 as tensions mount

Earlier this week, Bangladesh had suspended all "visa and consular" work in the mission in Agartala in view of the security breach.

"Ashrafur Rahman was called for urgent consultations following ongoing protests outside our mission in Kolkata. Additionally, he will be part of the delegation during the Foreign Secretary-level talks between the two countries slated for next week. He will be back by the middle of this month," a senior official of the Bangladesh Deputy High Commission in Kolkata told news agency PTI on condition of anonymity.

Bilateral ties had nosedived on November 25 when Vaishnav monk Chinmoy Das was arrested in Chittagong. India expressed "deep concern" when Mr. Das was denied bail and sent to police custody amidst communal clashes. On Friday, Mr. Jaiswal reiterated expectation that relevant legal processes underway in Bangladesh are executed in a fair, just and transparent manner.

(With inputs from PTI)

Trump administration deserves a lot of credit for Quad, says Jaishankar

External Affairs Minister says U.S. President-elect's concerns on burden-sharing do not apply to the quadrilateral grouping as everyone contributes a 'fair share'; there is no weak link in the alliance, he says, during discussion at India-Japan Forum

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NEW DELHI

Promoting dialogue: External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar at the India-Japan Forum inaugural session in New Delhi on Friday. ANI

The Trump administration deserves a "lot of the credit" for the take-off of the Quad in its second iteration, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar said on Friday. He said the U.S. President-elect's concerns on alliances and burden-sharing do not apply to the quadrilateral grouping as everyone contributes a "fair share".

Mr. Jaishankar said the stand-off with China impacted the relationship between the two countries, and following the disengagement, there is a need for de-escalation because "there's still a very large number of forces" at the border areas.

The Quad consists of India, Australia, Japan and the U.S., and since its revival in 2017 has gone to the level of annual summit meetings between leaders.

"So, if I were to go by the past record, in fact, I would argue that the Trump administration deserves a lot of the credit for the take-off of the Quad in its second incarnation and the fact that the Quad has since advanced would only validate their judgment," Mr. Jaiskhankar said on Friday while speaking at the third edition of the India-Japan Forum organised by the Ministry of External Affairs and Ananta Centre.

"Now those concerns (raised by Donald Trump) and those arguments actually don't apply to the Quad at all. Because Quad is a kind of where everybody pays their fair share. So, it's like everybody goes for dinner and you split the bill, and everybody thinks it's the right thing to do. So, if one looks at some of the concerns which President Trump has articulated in terms of America's commitments and why is America doing so much, that doesn't apply to Quad," he said.

To a question on the perception in Japan that India was the weak link in the Quad, Mr. Jaishankar referred to different perceptions among various partners at different times and said there is "no weak link" in the grouping. On India-Japan ties, Mr. Jaishankar said the two countries never had problems, but that did not mean everything always worked well.

On India's ties with China, he said that India had a stable relationship with China. In terms of trade, it was very substantial though there are issues like huge trade imbalance.

"Our entire relationship with China was predicated on the fact that the border areas would remain peaceful and stable, and we had agreements to ensure that," he said, noting that in 2020, the Chinese brought a lot of forces to the border areas and India responded, leading to the clash at Galwan where soldiers were killed, which subsequently affected the relationship.

Following the disengagement in Depsang and Demchok, the last two friction points of the 2020 stand-off in Eastern Ladakh, and the resumption of patrolling and access to grazing areas, the two countries are preparing for talks at the level of Special Representatives very soon as agreed during the meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping on the sidelines of BRICS summit last month.

On Thursday, both sides held the 32nd meeting of the Working Mechanism for Consultation and Coordination on India-China Border Affairs.

Agusta scam: SC agrees to hear bail plea of middleman

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday agreed to examine a plea for regular bail filed by Christian Michel James, the alleged middleman in the AgustaWestland chopper scam.

A Bench of Vikram Nath and P.B. Varale issued a notice to the Central Bureau of Investigation returnable in four weeks.

The court had refused Michel relief in February last year, advising him to approach the trial court for regular bail. On Friday, Justice Nath asked Michel's counsel, advocates Aljo Joseph, Sriram Parakkat and Vishnu Shankar, how the Bench could give any relief to his client when his earlier pleas had been denied.

Health issues

Mr. Joseph said Michel had already spent six years behind bars and was suffering from heath issues.

The court assured Mr. Joseph that the case would come up in January.

Can't prevent politicians contesting Bar elections: SC

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court of India on Friday refused to entertain a petition to bar 'active' members of political parties from contesting elections and holding office in the Bar Council of India and State Bar Councils.

"Having persons with a particular political ideology heading statutory bodies would affect the independence of those bodies," petitioner-advocate Jaya Sukin argued.

"What is wrong with a member of the Bar having an ideology? This would also include political ideology," Justice Surya Kant asked. He said, "Bar bodies are intellectual bodies. Their members' beliefs will not change just because the president or chairman has an ideology... We cannot direct Parliament to enact a law or something."

Yechury expanded CPI(M)'s understanding of RSS, BJP through his writing: Karat

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NEW DELHI

Prakash Karat, Raju Ramachandran, Prabhat Patnaik and Ram Rahman at the book release on Friday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Former Communist Party of India (Marxist) general secretary Sitaram Yechury contributed to the understanding of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) within the party through his work "What is this Hindu Rashtra", said senior CPI(M) leader Prakash Karat at a function to release three books written by Yechury on Friday.

The books, a collection of essays, in Hindi and English, were published posthumously.

Mr. Karat said the programme of the CPI(M) adopted in 1964 had just one sentence about the Jan Sangh and the RSS, and when it was updated in 2000, Yechury was a member of the commission that drafted the programme. He added that Yechury drafted the section on the BJP and the RSS saying that the BJP was not an ordinary bourgeois party as the "fascistic" RSS guides and dominates it.

"Mr. Yechury said the demolition of Babri Masjid was the beginning of the Hindutva project. We are still seeing that unfolding today," Mr. Karat said, adding that Yechury's wide range of interests in all spheres of society are evident from the CPI(M) leader's writings. Economist Prabhat Patnaik said Yechury wrote on specific themes. "He is talking of the emergence of neo-fascism. It takes centre stage with financial backing. The emergence of Hindutva fascism today cannot be dissociated with the support that it gets from the monopoly capitalism. This is a phenomenon we see all over the world," he said.

Indira Gandhi Peace Prize to be conferred on Michelle Bachelet

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development for 2024 will be conferred on former Chilean President and prominent human rights voice Michelle Bachelet, a statement issued by the Indira Gandhi Memorial Trust said on Friday.

The international jury for the award was chaired by former National Security Adviser Shivshankar Menon.

"President Michelle Bachelet is one of the world's most prominent voices for human rights, peace, and equality. In her various roles as the founding director of UN Women, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, and as President of Chile, she has spoken strongly for gender equality and the rights of the most vulnerable sections of the population at home and across the world," the statement read.

Michelle Bachelet

"Her personal courage and example in standing for peace and the rights of marginalised people continue to inspire men and women around the world," it added.

The prize honours her work to improve gender equality, human rights, democracy and development in difficult circumstances, the statement said, also noting her contributions towards fostering India's relations with Chile.

Cong. urges PM to speak to protesting farmers

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi should invite farmers for talks, accept their demand for a legal backing to minimum support price (MSP) of agriculture produce and enact a law in the ongoing Winter Session of Parliament, the Congress said on Friday.

Addressing a press conference, Congress general secretary Randeep Surjewala said the Modi government is "anti-farmer" as it is not willing to listen to the voice of farmers. "The PM has time to see movies but not meet farmers," he said, adding that the farmers should be allowed to come to Delhi.

"Is there a ban on people coming to Delhi? Is this the new normal in new India that they cannot come to Delhi, the country's capital? Anyone should be allowed to come to Delhi" he said.

Farmers postpone march to Delhi after Haryana police use tear gas

The Hindu Bureau
CHANDIGARH

Farmers disperse after police fired tear gas to prevent them from marching towards Delhi on Friday. AFP

Protesting farmers announced the suspension of their "Delhi Chalo" march after the Haryana Police used tear gas to disperse them at Shambhu on the Punjab-Haryana boundary on Friday. Pushing through the police barricades, they had tried to resume their foot march to lay siege to the national capital.

The farmers had attempted to march to Delhi on February 13 and 21 too, but were stopped by police personnel at Shambhu and Khanauri on the Punjab-Haryana boundary. They are pressing for fulfilment of their demands, with legal guarantee for Minimum Support Price (MSP) and a farm loan waiver being the key ones.

On Friday, the group of 101 farmers had started their march from Shambhu in Punjab towards Ambala in Haryana. They were intercepted by the Haryana Police in the wake of prohibitory orders issued in the area under Section 163 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS).

Kisan Mazdoor Morcha coordinator Sarwan Singh Pandher told mediapersons at Shambhu, "Our group of 101 farmers came back today following injuries to about a dozen of them when tear gas was used. We will wait for the government to talk, otherwise on December 8, we will start our march again."

Mr. Pandher also condemned the use of force by the police to stop the farmers from marching. He said they were not carrying any weapons and maintained discipline.

Elaborate security arrangements with multi-layered barricades were in place in the wake of the proposed march.

The Haryana government has suspended mobile Internet services as well as bulk SMS and dongle services in parts of Ambala district till December 9.

In Greater Noida, Roopesh Varma, president of the All India Kisan Sabha, Gautam Buddha Nagar Committee, was arrested by the Uttar Pradesh Police. Earlier this week, the U.P. Police arrested nearly 200 farmers when they assembled in Greater Noida for a protest.

"Authorities were prepared with anti-rioting gear to stop us. We knew we would not be successful in the march, but we just wanted to show how they would be stopping us. The government was not treating us like citizens, they were treating us like enemies of the nation," Mr. Pandher said.

The Delhi Police had also tightened security at borders ahead of the farmers' march.

Several Opposition bloc leaders expressed alarm over the treatment of the protesting farmers.

Bengal court awards capital punishment to accused in Kultali rape and murder case

Shrabana Chatterjee
KOLKATA

Kultali erupted in protest after the rape and murder of a 10-year-old girl came to light on October 4

A court in West Bengal on Friday awarded the death sentence to the accused in the rape and murder of a minor at Kultali in South 24 Parganas district. The sentence came within 62 days of the crime.

The man, accused of raping and murdering the 10-year-old girl at Jaynagar in Kultali, was found guilty under Sections 103 (murder), 65 (rape), and 66 (punishment for causing death or leaving the victim in a vegetative state) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), as well as provisions of Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act.

The girl's body was discovered on October 4, the chargesheet was filed on October 30, and the judgment was passed on Friday at the POCSO court in Baruipur town. Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee praised the police and judiciary for the speedy trial and conviction. "Conviction and capital punishment in such a case in just over two months is unprecedented in the history of the State. I congratulate the State police and all those involved in the prosecution process for this outstanding achievement." Ms. Banerjee posted on X.

The government has zero tolerance for offences against women, she added.

Kultali had erupted in huge protests after the news of the rape and murder spread in the area. Kultali's Trinamool Congress MLA Ganesh Mondal had fled amid the protests.

Protesters had complained that the police did not take their allegations of rape and murder seriously at first and refused to file a missing person report.

R.G. Kar shadow

With echoes of the rape and murder of a doctor at the R.G. Kar College and Hospital two months before, the case put the State government and police under increased pressure. After continued protests over the R.G. Kar case, the West Bengal Assembly had passed the anti-rape legislation, the Aparajita Woman and Child Bill, in September. The law has provisions for capital punishment for conviction in a rape case resulting in the victim's death or leaving them in a vegetative state.

The verdict in the Kultali case comes even as parents of the victim in the R.G. Kar case await justice.

Row in RS over currency notes found on MP's seat

Probe begins after about 100 notes with face value of ₹500 were found during an 'anti-sabotage check'; Singhvi says the probe must uncover how anyone could place anything on an MP's seat

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Sparking an uproar in the Rajya Sabha on Friday, Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar said that a wad of currency notes had been found on the seat allotted to Congress MP Abhishek Manu Singhvi on Thursday, during a routine "anti-sabotage check" by security officials.

With the Treasury and Opposition benches trading allegations and slogan-shouting BJP MPs storming into the well, the House was adjourned for the day around 2 p.m. when it reconvened after lunch.

Mr. Singhvi said he was astonished to hear about the incident. "I reached the House yesterday [Thursday] at 12.57 p.m. The House adjourned at 1 p.m. From 1 p.m. to 1.30 p.m., I sat with [another MP] in the canteen and had lunch. Total stay in the House was three minutes and in the canteen was 30 minutes," he recounted. "I find it bizarre that even on such issues, politics is raised. Of course, there must be an inquiry [into] how people can come and put anything anywhere on any seat. It means that each one must have a seat where the seat itself can be locked and the key can be carried home by the member of Parliament. Because [otherwise], everybody can then do things on the seat and then make allegations about it," Mr. Singhvi said. "And if there is a failing on the part of security agencies, that must also be completely exposed," Mr. Singhvi added.

Raising doubts: Rajya Sabha proceedings under way during the Winter Session of Parliament in New Delhi on Friday. ANI

Mr. Dhankhar said, "During the routine anti-sabotage check of the chamber after the adjournment of the House yesterday, apparently a wad of currency notes was recovered by the security officials from Seat No. 222, presently allotted to Dr. Abhishek Manu Singhvi, elected from the State of Telangana for the term 2024-26. The matter was brought to my notice and I felt it expedient, as per practice and ordainment, to ensure that investigation takes place in accordance with law, and the same is under way."

"You cannot make out from the look, whether the currency notes are fake or not. Apparently, denomination is of ₹500. The wad appears to be physically of 100 notes. But all these are subject to serious investigation. And I am sure no one should be opposed to an investigation because this House even otherwise has to send a signal. We are increasingly getting into formal economy. Does it indicate the state of the economy that people can afford to forget [their cash]?" Mr. Dhankhar asked.

"I have been careful that anti-sabotage checks must be very severe because in these highly technological situations where chemicals are used, the first and foremost [concern] is security... From that perspective it was done," he said.

Following this, a ruckus broke out in the House as the Leader of the Opposition Mallikarjun Kharge pointed out that the name of the member on whose seat the notes were found should not be mentioned till the investigations are complete.

Leader of the House J.P. Nadda said that the issue was "unprecedented and serious". The Opposition and Treasury benches should not be divided as it is an attack on the dignity of the House, he added. Taking a dig at Opposition members, he said, "On some issues, you show eagerness, while you want to cover up other issues." Mr. Kharge retorted: "Why is Mr. Nadda saying we are trying to suppress the matter... You do that, we don't do that."

Lok Sabha sees chaos as BJP MP reiterates Soros-Congress 'link'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Friday's Lok Sabha proceedings were washed out as BJP MP Nishikant Dubey, for the second time in two days, accused the Congress of being in league with U.S.-based billionaire investor George Soros to derail India's success story under Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The Congress, in turn, asked the government if it really wanted the House to function, as it allowed Mr. Dubey to speak even after the Opposition members met Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla on Thursday, seeking an apology from the BJP MP.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, Congress general secretary (organisation) K.C. Venugopal said, "In a parliamentary democracy, the government has its way but the Opposition has its say. It's quite unfortunate that the Speaker isn't willing to even listen to our views."

On Friday, during the Zero Hour, Mr. Dubey was allowed by BJP MP Dilip Saikia, who was presiding over the proceedings at noon, to raise the issue again to complete the "unfinished" parts of his speech.

MPs resent remarks

As Mr. Dubey said, "*Congress ka haath Soros ke saath* [Congress's hand is with Mr. Soros]," the Lok Sabha plunged into chaos, with the Congress members trooping into the Well of the House. In support of the Congress, Samajwadi Party (SP) member Dharmendra Yadav and Trinamool Congress MP Saugata Roy were also up on their feet. The House was then adjourned for the day.

When the Lok Sabha met at 11 a.m., the proceedings lasted for less than a minute as Congress's Deputy Leader Gaurav Gogoi and Mr. Venugopal tried raising the issue of "objectionable remarks" made by BJP leaders against Mr. Gandhi. "You don't want to allow the Question Hour to continue? The House has high standards and I can't allow it to be lowered. I can't allow the dignity of the House to be lowered," the Speaker said, adjourning the House until noon.

"I don't understand whether or not the government wants to run the House. If they do, then why are they allowing Nishikant Dubey to level baseless allegations and in violation of all parliamentary conventions," senior Lok Sabha member Shashi Tharoor asked.

"He [Mr. Dubey] is using defamatory language. Parliamentary rules state that before making any allegation, you have to give notice to the person. He hasn't given any such notice so far, he even violated parliamentary privilege. The Speaker stopped him once but even after that, the presiding officer gave him the floor. This means the government doesn't want to run the House," he said.

INBRIEF

HC seeks Centre's stand on plea over Rahul's citizenship

The Delhi High Court on Friday asked the Centre to state its stand on BJP leader Subramanian Swamy's plea seeking directions to the Ministry of Home Affairs to decide over Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's Indian citizenship. "We want to have the assistance of the counsel from the State before we pass any order," the court said. The court has now posted the hearing for January 13, 2025. The plea, filed by advocate Satya Sabharwal, said on August 6, 2019, a letter was sent to the Ministry alleging Mr. Gandhi had "voluntarily disclosed" to the British government that he was a citizen of British nationality, amounting to holding a British passport. Mr. Swamy said the Congress leader, being an Indian citizen, violated Article 9 of the Constitution, read with the Indian Citizenship Act, and would cease to be an Indian citizen.

Cabinet approves 85 new Kendriya Vidyalayas

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs on Friday approved the opening of 85 new Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs). The total fund requirement for the new KVs is estimated to be ₹5,872.08 crore over a period of eight years from 2025-26. It estimates that the announcement would benefit 82,560 additional students. It also says that each KV provides employment to 63 persons, and therefore the announcement would create a total of 5,388 permanent employment opportunities. The Cabinet also approved setting up of 28 Navodaya Vidyalayas. The total fund requirement is estimated at ₹2,359.82 crore over a period of five years from 2024-25 to 2028-29. The Education Ministry statement said that this could benefit 15,680 students and create permanent employment opportunities for 1,316 individuals.

U.S. State Dept. behind anti-Modi 'agenda': BJP

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has alleged that the U.S. State Department was behind the targeted attacks on Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the ruling party and attempts to "destabilise India". It also accused the Organised Crime and Corruption Reporting Project (OCCRP) of providing the "ammunition" for the agenda and the Congress of using the OCCRP reports to disrupt Parliament.

Through a series of posts on X, the party on Thursday said *Mediapart*, a French investigative media group, revealed that the OCCRP was funded by the U.S. State Department's USAID, along with other "deep state" figures like George Soros and the Rockefeller Foundation.

"In fact, 50% of OCCRP's funding comes directly from the U.S. State Department. OCCRP has served as a media tool for carrying out a deep state agenda," said a post, adding that the "deep state had a clear objective to destabilise India by targeting Prime Minister Modi".

"To achieve this, they turned to OCCRP, instructing the organisation to provide material aimed at damaging PM Modi's and India's image. The Congress then exploited this material to launch attacks on PM Modi, propagate false narratives, and disrupt the functioning of Parliament. The U.S. deep state was always working behind the scenes," it said.

The BJP said Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's frequent visits to the U.S. and the U.K. only further reinforced that connection. "For instance, during his secret visit to Uzbekistan

> It appears that Congress has a hidden ally in the West, working behind the scenes to assist in creating narratives aimed at destabilising India
> **BJP ON X**

last year, Samantha Power, the administrator of USAID (which funds OCCRP), was also present... The deep state is an evil force that has brought nothing but destruction," said the post.

The party said over the past four years, every issue on which the Congress party had targeted the BJP seemed to rely on narratives and supporting material originating from abroad.

Issues such as Pegasus, Adani, caste census, 'democracy in danger', Global Hunger Index, religious freedom, and press freedom appeared to draw heavily from international sources.

"It appears that Congress has a hidden ally in the West, working behind the scenes to assist in creating narratives aimed at destabilising India. It's time to expose this coordinated agenda!" it said.

The post said on November 13, 2020, the British daily *Financial Times*, known for its "close connections with George Soros", published an article titled "Modi's Rockefeller: Gautam Adani and the concentration of power in India". "The article explicitly suggested that to weaken PM Modi, one must target Adani. On August 31, 2023, just 10 days before the G-20 Summit, Rahul Gandhi held a press conference addressing the Adani issue and directly targeted Prime Minister Modi. Rahul Gandhi's intentions were clear! His real targets were Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and India's stock market, using Adani merely as a tool," said the party, adding that for the past four years, the Congress had consistently attacked the Modi government over the Adani issue and the attacks caused disruptions in Parliament.

Another issue that caused disruptions in Parliament was the Pegasus controversy. "The common link between the Adani and Pegasus issues is that the material used by the Congress party to target the government in both cases was provided by OCCRP... this suggests a possible special connection between Congress and OCCRP in promoting these narratives against India," the BJP said.

For my brother, nothing is above the country: Priyanka slams BJP over 'traitor' jibe

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Hitting back at the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) for calling the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, "a traitor of the highest order", Congress leader and Lok Sabha member from Wayanad Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Friday said that "nothing is bigger for her brother than the country".

"Those who can call Jawaharlal Nehru, who spent 13 years in jail during the Independence struggle, a traitor; those who can call Indira Gandhi, who broke Pakistan into two parts, a traitor; and those who can call Rajiv Gandhi, who was martyred for the country, a traitor, then there is nothing new if they are doing the same with Rahul Gandhi," Ms. Vadra said.

Priyanka Gandhi Vadra

"I am proud of my brother. For my brother, nothing is above the country," she added.

"They don't have the courage to discuss the Adani issue (in Parliament). Why is there a problem in discussion... discussion happens in democracy only, they are afraid of it as well," she said, while taking part in the Opposition's protest over the alleged Adani bribery scandal.

"I have no hesitation in saying that he (Gandhi) is a traitor of the highest order," BJP MP Sambit Patra, citing a report in a French media outlet, had said on Thursday.

Objecting to the language, Hibi Eden, Congress MP from Kerala, has moved a privilege motion against Mr. Patra at the Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla's office. On Thursday, Congress whip Manickam Tagore too had written to Mr. Birla. However, no decision has yet been taken to admit the motion.

Soren distributes portfolios among 11 Ministers, keeps Home Department

The Hindu Bureau
PATNA

Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren on Friday allocated portfolios among 11 Ministers of his Cabinet, keeping the key Home Department to himself.

Three-time Congress MLA Irfan Ansari received the Health, Medical Education, and Family Welfare Department, while senior Congress leader Radhakrishna Kishore was assigned the Finance Department.

The Chief Minister also kept portfolios, including Administrative Reforms, Road Construction, and Building Construction, and other departments not allocated to anyone.

New team: Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren with his Council of Ministers in Ranchi on Friday. PTI

Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) leader Chamra Linda received the Department of Welfare for SCs, Tribes, Backward Classes, and Minorities, while Shilpi Neha Tirkey will oversee the Department of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Cooperative.

Congress leader Deepika Pandey Singh will oversee the departments of Rural Development, Rural Works, and Panchayati Raj.

RJD MLA from Godda Sanjay Prasad Yadav was assigned the Department of Labour, Employment and Training.

JMM MLA Sudhivya Kumar was given the departments of Urban Development and Housing, Higher and Technical Education, Tourism, Art and Culture, Sports, and Youth Affairs.

JMM MLAs Deepak Biruwa, Ramdas Soren, Hafizul Hasan, and Yogendra Prasad were assigned Revenue, Registration, Land Reforms, and Transport departments; School Education, Literacy and Registration departments; Water Resources, Minority Welfare departments; and Drinking Water, Sanitation, Excise and Prohibition departments, respectively.

Method of summons, arrest of former IAS officer Anil Tuteja by ED 'disturbing': SC

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday recorded "disturbing" features in the Enforcement Directorate's (ED) summons and arrest of a former IAS officer, Anil Tuteja, in connection with an alleged liquor scam in Chhattisgarh, while noting that the facts are "glaring".

A Bench of Justices A.S. Oka and Augustine George Masih, however, allowed Mr. Tuteja to withdraw his plea to quash his arrest in the case. The Bench granted him liberty to approach the trial court for regular bail. It asked the special court concerned to give Mr. Tuteja's plea for bail priority.

Earlier, the Bench criticised the ED for the undue haste it showed in serving summons to Tuteja

"The petitioner [Tuteja] was in the office of the Anti-Corruption Bureau [ACB], Raipur around 4.30 p.m. on April 20, 2024. He had been served a summons to appear at 12 p.m. Another summons was served on him while he was in the office of the ACB, calling upon him to appear before the ED at 5 p.m. He was taken to the ED office and interrogated throughout the night and was shown as arrested at 4 a.m. The facts are glaring," the Bench noted.

The previous hearings had seen the Bench pull up the ED for the undue haste it had shown to serve summons to Mr. Tuteja and have him arrested. However, the court on Friday took note of Additional Solicitor- General S.V. Raju's submission that a press release was issued on October 29, detailing certain remedial measures taken by the ED following the train of events in Mr. Tuteja's case.

Class 12 student shoots dead principal

Press Trust of India
CHHATARPUR

A Class 12 student allegedly shot dead the principal of his school in Madhya Pradesh's Chhatarpur district on Friday afternoon after being admonished, the police said.

The boy fled on the principal's scooter after the incident, but was caught within a few hours, said Inspector Pushpendra Yadav of the Orchha Road police station.

He was traced near the district's border with Uttar Pradesh, the official said. The weapon used for the killing was also seized from him, Mr. Yadav added.

INBRIEF

8 killed, dozens injured as bus collides with tanker in U.P.

Eight persons were killed and over two dozen sustained injuries when a double-decker bus collided with a tanker on the Agra-Lucknow Expressway in Kannauj district of Uttar Pradesh on Friday. The injured were shifted to the Saifai Medical College. "The accident occurred around 2 p.m. in the Sakrawa area when the bus was en route to Delhi from Lucknow, Kannauj," said Amit Kumar Anand, Kannauj Superintendent of Police. Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced an ex gratia of ₹2 lakh to the next of kin of each deceased. The injured will get ₹50,000.

Two months' stock of anti-TB drugs available, says Centre

India has sufficient stock of all essential anti-tuberculosis drugs under the National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme for more than two months, the Health Ministry said on Friday, adding that adequate measures had been taken for timely procurement and supply of such drugs. The Ministry said it had also started supplies "to ensure that sufficient stocks are available to meet increased requirements" owing to the Union government's new '100-day anti-TB campaign', which would be launched on Saturday. The programme will target 347 high-focus districts for intensified interventions, including screening and awareness campaigns.

Gyanvapi mosque committee opposes petitions against Places of Worship Act of 1991

Invalidating the law will lead to more disputes, says committee; it adds that Ayodhya verdict held that SC cannot entertain claims that stem from actions of Mughals against Hindu places of worship

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

Rhetorical claims cannot be grounds for challenging the validity of a legislative enactment like the Places of Worship (Special Provisions) Act of 1991, the Gyanvapi mosque management has argued in the Supreme Court.

The Gynavapi mosque management referred to how the Constitution Bench in the Ayodhya judgment had unequivocally held that the Supreme Court cannot entertain claims that stem from the actions of the Mughal rulers against Hindu places of worship in a court of law today. Rhetoric arguments seeking a sort of retribution against the perceived acts of previous rulers cannot be made a basis for a constitutional challenge, it contended.

The *Ramjanmabhoomi* judgment had observed that "for any person who seeks solace or recourse against the actions of any number of ancient rulers, the law is not the answer".

On alert: Security personnel stand guard outside the Shahi Jama Masjid in Sambhal, Uttar Pradesh, on Friday. PTI

The Committee of Management, Anjuman Intezamia Masajid Varanasi, represents the Gyanvapi mosque, which is the subject of multiple suits instituted by Hindu plaintiffs seeking right to worship within the structure, claiming it as an old temple.

The mosque management wants to have its say against petitions challenging the Places of Worship Act, 1991. The four-year-old petitions were listed before the Bench of Chief Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna most of this week, but did not come up for hearing.

The petitioners have blamed the 1991 law of barring Hindus, Jains, Buddhists and Sikhs from approaching courts to "reclaim" their places of worship which were "invaded" and "encroached" upon by "fundamentalist barbaric invaders".

The Centre, despite assurances, is yet to file its counter-affidavit to the challenge against the 1991 Act, which preserves the character of the religious places of worship across faiths as they had existed on Independence day.

In its application, filed through advocate Fuzail Ahmad Ayyubi, seeking permission to intervene in the case, the Gyanvapi mosque panel said that a challenge under Article 32 of the Constitution to a legislative enactment must be based on the unconstitutionality of its provisions. The mosque management submitted that the 1991 Act was a conscious decision by Parliament to let the past not haunt the future of the country.

Referring to the violence in Sambhal following *ex parte* proceedings resulting in a survey of the Jama Masjid there, the Gyanvapi mosque management said invalidating the 1991 Act would mean the rise of such disputes across the country.

Celebrating northeast: Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the inauguration of the Ashtalakshmi Mahotsav in New Delhi. PTI

India's growth story will encompass northeast India: PM

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday inaugurated the Ashtalakshmi Mahotsav in New Delhi with a focus on the northeastern States. "Ashtalakshmi Mahotsav is a celebration of a better future of the Northeast," Mr. Modi said.

He said that after the West-centric period, the 21st century belonged to the East, more specifically Asia and India. He expressed his firm belief that in the times to come, India's growth story would encompass eastern India and the northeast in particular.

Terming the event as a first of its kind, Mr. Modi said the festival would open the doors to huge investment opportunities in northeastern India.

Ashtalakshmi Mahotsav is a three-day cultural festival that is being celebrated for the first time from December 6 at the Bharat Mandapam. It highlights the vast cultural tapestry of northeastern India, bringing together an array of traditional arts, crafts, and cultural practices.

Mr. Modi said the first Ashtalakshmi Mahotsav would display the potential of the northeastern States to the country and the world.

Centre to develop four new tourist destinations in J&K with help from World Bank

Sreeparna Chakrabarty
NEW DELHI

Buoyed by the increase in tourist footfall in Jammu and Kashmir, the government is planning to develop four new destinations with financial and technical help from the World Bank. Kokernag in Anantnag district, Baradari in Reasi district, Bhadarwah in Doda, and Doodhpathri in Budgam are the four sites which have been chosen to be developed with world class tourist infrastructure.

"The projects are being developed as a joint venture between The World Bank, Jammu and Kashmir Government and the Centre," a senior official in the Union Tourism Ministry said. The destinations were finalised last month after a World Bank delegation visited the State.

Hidden spots: A tourist taking a pony ride to reach Shaliganga river in Doodhpathri in Budgam district. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Gulmarg, Pahalgam, and Katra Vaishno Devi and are some of the famous tourist destinations in Jammu and Kashmir at present. According to official estimates, Jammu and Kashmir recorded 1.2 million tourists arrivals in the first half of 2024.

For development of these four new tourist destinations, the World Bank would essentially serve as a primarily knowledge partner. It would also help in the promotion of the handicrafts industry. The World Bank team first visited Jammu and Kashmir in September.

Union Tourism Ministry officials said as far as Jammu and Kashmir is concerned, the focus would be on ecological sustainability.

Employees' Provident Fund Organisation wins global award

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

India has bagged the International Social Security Association's Good Practice Award for Asia and Pacific for this year for five services provided by the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO).

ISSA president Mohammed Azman presented the award to the EPFO at the Regional Social Security Forum held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, earlier this week.

The EPFO received five Certificates of Merit for running "efficient" communication channels, conduct of e-proceedings, outreach programme *Nidhi Aapke Nikat*, running multilingual call centres, and the initiative *Prayaas* for pension order delivery.

The different communication channels in use to reach stakeholders received appreciation.

E-proceedings to determine dues from defaulting employers, have also been considered for the award

"Digital and non-digital communication strategy is being adopted for efficient and timely communication," the Union Labour Ministry said in a release on Thursday.

The EPFO uses webinars, short message service and e-mails, social media, information education communication videos and camps under *Nidhi Aapke Nikat* to educate and communicate with stakeholders.

E-proceedings, such as conducting judicial proceedings to determine dues from defaulting employers, have also been considered for the award, the Ministry said.

New norms for pilots can be implemented from July next year, DGCA tells Delhi HC

Jagriti Chandra
Soibam Rocky Singh
NEW DELHI

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) informed the Delhi High Court on Friday that the new norms providing enhanced weekly rest and reduced night-time flying for pilots to help them combat rising fatigue levels could only be implemented from July 2025 in a phased manner.

The rules, notified by the DGCA in January 2024, increased weekly rest for pilots from 36 hours to 48 hours as well as reduced their night-time flying. They were to be implemented from June 2024, but following opposition from airlines, the regulator put the rules in abeyance on March 26.

While hearing a writ petition filed by the Federation of Indian Pilots (FIP),

The rules were notified in January this year but kept in abeyance following opposition.

the Indian Pilots' Guild, and the Indian Commercial Pilots' Association, Justice Tara Vitasta Ganju asked why the rules could not be implemented sooner. The court told the DGCA to hold another round of meeting with Air India and pilot bodies on December 18 to reach a consensus on the timeline of implementation. Two such mediation meetings have already taken place where Air India is learnt to have pressed for wider industry consultations as well as indicated that the new norms could result in reduced salaries for pilots who operate narrow-body planes, because of a reduction in flying hours. The next hearing is on January 23.

"It is the considered view of the regulator, along with the Ministry, that to make it seamless and to address operational constraints, the readiness of the pilots, training and onboarding [of new pilots], software integration, [the implementation of the new rules] will require a phased implementation," Additional Solicitor-General Aishwarya Bhati, appearing for the DGCA, said.

Counsel for the DGCA said interests on all sides needed to be balanced, including those of passengers and the aviation sector.

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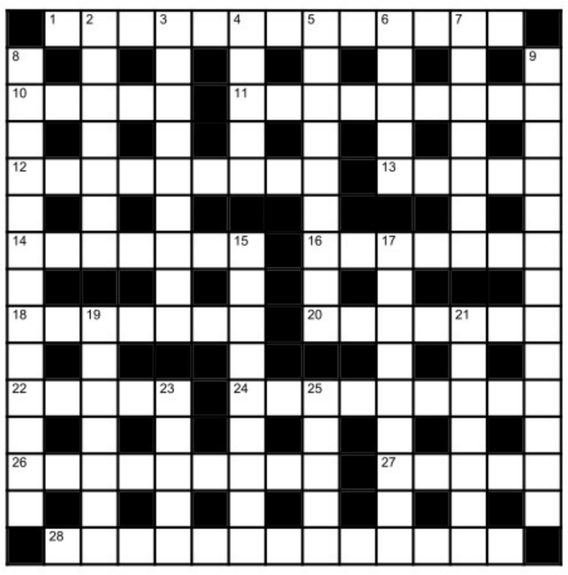

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10 Peers at the ground (5)
11 Violent mob, active and aggressive (9)
12 Now beginning to cut cost, not opposed to a place of learning (9)
13 Greece in the past like 11 (5)
14 Time consuming - velocity and time, nothing special (7)
16 Maritime hazard reported, I see sea bird heading west (7)
18 Most of the fruit is for the monkey (7)
20 Tempts with three quarters covered part-rejected (7)
22 Shameless in superhuman output, there is a marked rise (3-2)
24 A noble used to keep fancy car in the city (9)
26 Like a piece of pizza - order only with some money (9)
27 Gradual illumination on both sides, time to shine (5)
28 Aggressively violent - Romeo, be gentle with Lily (13)

Down

2 British weather, say close to the country at war (7)
3 In every survey both sides express their views on this furniture (4,5)
4 Lucky charm - Mike goes for a tie (5)
5 A land mine blast - you get stone (9)
6 "Lost in the middle" - Another name for a Japanese city (5)
7 Complaint from husband caught in unmarried circle (7)
8 Such tall growth will halt passenger movement (8,5)
9 Blockbuster drugs? (13)
15 Honouring none - ordered fancy jewellery (9)
17 Essentially sent twice to protect - he got used to psychedelic drug (9)
19 Restrain him, one has left (7)
21 One not interested in a gathering (7)
23 Place to have fight - look for a prey (5)
25 Bang goes from gun barrel - shot the king (5)

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

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Solution to previous puzzle

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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8	3	1	9	5	4	7	6	2
7	6	9	8	2	3	1	4	5
4	2	5	1	7	6	8	3	9

FAITH

Greatness of Guru's grace

If people undertake good deeds, God bestows His blessings by helping them get the companionship of good Acharyas. Sri Ramanujamji said in a discourse that hearing Godly deeds and stories is a "*tapas*" and is also the easiest. Prahlada says hearing is the first step of the nine steps prescribed for devotion. Srimad Bhagavatham says King Parikshit derived divine blessings by listening to sage Sukha. Sage Yagnya Valkya says in Brihadaranya Upanishad that hearing is a necessary process for self-realisation. Uthukkadu Venkata Kavi says nothing is impossible through listening to the story of God.

A verse in Swetasvatara Upanishad says (*yasya deve para bhakti:*) that a person showing devotion to God will get more clarifications on sastras by showing the same to his Guru. Saint Thiruvalluvar says listening is the wealth of wealth and the greatest of all wealth (*selvathul Selvam* – kural 411). Chandokya Upanishad narrates Guru's greatness through the story of a disciple called Upakosalan. He rendered for 12 years the service of protecting three Agnikundas for the performance of homas and pleased with it, the three Agni deities, satisfied with the service to his Guru, taught Upakosalan about self-realisation and asked him to hear further from the Guru. The Guru Jabali was delighted and taught him all the *vidyas*.

Without Gurukrupa, there are no blessings from God. Without God's blessings, there is no devotion; without devotion, there is no liberation. Without liberation, there is no peace of mind. Without Guru's blessings, Goddess Mahalakshmi will not shower her grace. "*Guru Arul Illaiyel Thiru Arul Illai*".

INBRIEF

'GDP slowdown in Q2 not systemic, Q3 to compensate'

The GDP slowdown in September quarter was not 'systemic' and the economic activity in third quarter, with better public expenditure, is likely to compensate for the moderation, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said. India recorded a 7-quarter low GDP growth of 5.4% in July-September. In the first quarter, the growth was 6.7%. "It is more of an absence of activity on public expenditure, capital expenditure and so on... I expect Q3 to make up for all these." PTI

Collateral-free farm loans' ceiling to be hiked to ₹2 lakh

Taking into account the rise in agricultural input costs and overall inflation, the RBI has decided to increase the limit for collateral-free agriculture loans from ₹1.6 lakh to ₹2 lakh per borrower. "This will further enhance credit availability for small and marginal farmers," Governor Shaktikanta Das said. The limit was raised from ₹1 lakh, set in the year 2010, to ₹1.6 lakh in 2019. The central bank will soon be issuing a circular giving effect to this announcement.

Maruti, JSW MG Motor to hike prices from Jan. as costs surge

Maruti Suzuki and JSW MG Motor India said they would hike prices across models from January. Maruti said in a filing the price hike will be up to 4% and vary for different models. JSW MG Motor India said it would raise prices by up to 3% across its product portfolio. "This price increase is the result of continuously rising input costs and other external factors," JSW MG Motor India said. Earlier, Hyundai Motor India said it would raise prices by up to ₹25,000 for its cars.

No plans for de-dollarisation: Das

RBI Governor says the BRICS currency is just an idea floated by one member of the bloc, and no decision has been taken on it; his remarks assume significance in the context of Donald Trump's threat to slap 100% tariffs for pursuing such plans

Lalatendu Mishra
MUMBAI

India has no plans for de-dollarisation, RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das said in response to a question on U.S. President-elect Donald Trump's threat to slap 100% tariffs on BRICS nations planning a common currency to challenge the hegemony of U.S. dollar in global trade.

"The BRICS currency was an idea raised by one of the members of the BRICS countries and it was discussed," Mr. Das said. "No decision has been taken in the matter. The geographical spread of the countries is a factor which has to be kept in mind unlike the Eurozone which has a single currency and geographical continuity. BRICS countries are spread all over," he added.

Not on the table: De-dollarisation is certainly not our objective. It is not on the table at all, says Das.PTI

"So far as India is concerned, there is no step which we have taken to de-dollarise. Allwe have done is we have entered into agreements with a couple of countries to do local currency-denominated trade to de-risk India trade."

"Dependence on one currency can be problematic at times because of appreciation or depreciation. So, as part of de-risking our trade, that is a step which has been taken. De-dollarisation is certainly not our objective. It is not on the table at all. Our effort is basically to de-risk our trade. Nobody is talking or thinking about de-dollarisation," he added.

To a question if the rupee could come under pressure due to possible tariff wars hurting exports, the Governor said, "If the tariff war happens... hypothetically, if it happens, it will not be an isolated event. There will be other events around it, like, for instance, perhaps, China may react by devaluing the currency or there might be retaliatory tariffs."

"So, at this point, it is very difficult to say what will be our unilateral move, and will it affect. Let us wait for the general equilibrium," he added.

He said India's forex reserves were quite robust now and quite adequate.

"We are confident of dealing with any spillovers. As per requirement, we will take action. At the moment we have no concern at all," he said answering to a query on whether the interest rate ceiling on FCNR (B) deposits has been increased to build a buffer.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	FRIDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	81,709	-0.07
US Dollar	84.66	0.06
Gold	79,150	--------
Brent oil	71.15	-1.75

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	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	2506.40	-16.15
Adani Ports	1259.05	-18.00
Apollo Hosp	7233.30	-41.45
Asian Paints	2429.70	-22.50
Axis Bank	1184.55	18.15
Bajaj Auto	9099.90	207.95
Bajaj Finserv	1635.20	-8.90
Bajaj Finance	6850.30	-0.10
Bharat Elec	313.75	-0.75
Bharti Airtel	1597.85	-17.50
BPCL	300.35	3.35
Britannia Ind	4870.85	-1.15
Cipla	1477.40	-20.85
Coal India	417.15	-1.25
Dr Reddys Lab	1253.70	13.85
Eicher Motors	4877.05	39.50
Grasim Ind	2701.90	-4.90
HCL Tech	1922.70	-1.30
HDFC Bank	1855.85	-9.90
HDFC Life	636.50	-6.65
Hero MotoCorp	4629.60	-14.75
Hindalco	670.15	-0.70
Hind Unilever	2483.80	-10.80
ICICI Bank	1328.75	-7.75
IndusInd Bank	990.35	-7.85
Infosys	1922.40	-12.45
ITC	471.15	3.65
JSW Steel	1003.80	4.60
Kotak Bank	1776.95	1.80
L&T	3866.70	35.15
M&M	3073.00	1.40
Maruti Suzuki	11317.95	135.70
NestleIndia	2267.80	2.30
NTPC	369.50	0.35
ONGC	260.05	-1.25
PowerGrid Corp	328.90	0.55
Reliance Ind	1311.55	-10.50
SBI Life	1448.55	16.70
State Bank	863.65	-1.80
Shriram Finance Ltd.	3126.35	0.05
Sun Pharma	1804.85	-8.60
TataConsumerProduct	974.45	8.00
Tata Motors	816.80	24.25
Tata Steel	148.29	1.22
TCS	4445.50	-18.55
Tech Mahindra	1782.80	-4.15
Titan	3470.10	29.05
Trent Ltd.	6999.95	29.85
UltraTech Cement	11848.50	-84.30
Wipro	297.35	-1.95

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on December 06

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	84.49	84.81
Euro	89.42	89.77
British Pound	107.91	108.32
Japanese Yen (100)	56.12	56.33
Chinese Yuan	11.63	11.68
Swiss Franc	96.29	96.66
Singapore Dollar	63.06	63.31
Canadian Dollar	60.14	60.38
Malaysian Ringitt	19.12	19.20
Australian Dollar	54.23	54.45

Source:Indian Bank

RBI's MuleHunter to prevent digital fraud

Lalatendu Mishra
MUMBAI

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has introduced an Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) based MuleHunter AITM to prevent and mitigate digital frauds through the use of mule accounts.

Developed by the Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH), Bengaluru, this public infrastructure facility will help banks to deal with the issue of mule bank accounts expeditiously and cut digital frauds, said RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das.

Elaborating, Deputy Governor T. Rabi Sankar said, "The MuleHunter is basically an infrastructure level set-up which will use the databases from all banks, all other payment system operators. Its AI engine will be trained to be able to identify frauds much more effectively in the financial system.

"If you look at frauds, the number of frauds are increasing, the amount involved in frauds are increasing although the number of frauds per transaction is coming down over the years. But the number is enough for us to be concerned about it."

RBI to start podcast to communicate effectively

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

In a bid to attract the attention of the youth, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), has decided to add 'podcasts' to its communication toolkit for wider dissemination of information.

This new initiative aims to broaden the banking regulator's communication channels, making information more accessible to members of the public. Mr. Das said these audio chats have a lot of traction with the younger audiences.

Small finance banks allowed to transfer loan amounts via UPI

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has decided to permit small finance banks to extend pre-sanctioned credit lines through the UPI.

"This will further deepen financial inclusion and enhance formal credit, particularly for 'new to credit' customers," Governor Shaktikanta Das said while announcing additional measures after his monetary policy statement.

In September 2023, the scope of UPI was expanded by enabling pre-sanctioned credit lines to be linked through UPI and used as a funding account by commercial banks excluding payments banks, small finance banks (SFBs) and regional rural banks.

SFBs leverage a high-tech, low-cost model to reach the last-mile customer and can play an enabling role in expanding the reach of credit on UPI. Necessary guidelines will be issued shortly, the RBI said on Friday.

Balance between growth and inflation is unsettled, says RBI Governor Das

'The RBI will use its various policy instruments to create the conditions for restoring the inflation-growth balance; the flexible inflation targeting framework's credibility needs to be preserved.' Edited excerpts from the Governor's press meet

ECONOMY IN FOCUS

Shaktikanta Das and Michael Patra

Lalatendu Mishra

Focus on rates: RBI Govenor Shaktikanta Das and Deputy Governor Michael Patra after the MPC meeting in Mumbai. REUTERS

The five observations

The MPC (Monetary Policy Committee) is committed to restoring balance between inflation and growth, which has got unsettled over the past few months.

The RBI will use its various policy instruments to create the conditions for restoring the inflation growth balance. The credibility of the flexible inflation targeting framework needs to be reserved.

Inflation has to be brought down in the interest of sustainable growth.

Prudence, practicality and timing, will continue to be the guiding principles for the Reserve Bank's future actions. Timing of actions is the key.

On FY25 growth projections being pared to 6.6%from 7.2%

There is a slowdown in GDP growth in the second quarter due to a special set of factors. Now, it's not appropriate to make a judgment on the trend rate on one data point. So, what was expressed as 8% was not a trend. It was just the average from 2021-22 to 2023-2024. And all over the world, for every country, the projections that are being made for 2024-25 and 2025-26 are implicitly correcting cyclically for the rebound from the pandemic, for all countries in the world. So, even when we made our initial projections, they were not at 8%, they were 7.2%. And also, in the monetary policy report, we gave a projection for 2019-20, which was the same cyclical correction, after which, after this correction is over, it will revert back to a trend, and we are yet to see the data points of that trend. Now, if you see the second half of the year's projections, there is a reversion back towards an upper rate of growth, 6.9%, 7.3%, and that continues into 2025-26. So, we are hopeful that we will reach that level again.

Liquidity Concerns

In the next few months, we expect tight liquidity. We expect the tax-related outflows from the system, both direct tax in the middle of December and thereafter the GST. Together with that, there is a possibility of likelihood of increase in currency in circulation because the busy credit season, agricultural activity has now picked up and that requires cash. That will overlap into the harvest season also, which requires cash. So, the currency in circulation is also likely to go up. And then, there have been significant amount of capital outflows in the months of October and November. Outflow forex has happened because of FPIs exiting. Our assessment is that liquidity conditions will remain tight.

And let us also bear in mind the fact that the cash reserve ration increase was done sometime back. It was a temporary measure. It has served its purpose. It was time to normalise it.

On the growth and inflation dynamic

Now, the balance is unsettled. Last time we had said that growth-inflation balance was well-poised, which means the growth looked good for that quarter as well as for the whole year. Inflation outlook also, we were aware that September and October inflation prints will be higher.

But as you know, September and October, because of weather factor and other factors, food inflation went up very steeply. September numbers were broadly a little higher than estimated. In October also, we had expected it to be high, but the actual number came little higher than what we had estimated. So therefore, inflation was more than what we had expected, little more. And growth also has moderated the numbers.

We have given the numbers. So, the well-poised character of the dynamics between growth and inflation, that has got somewhat unsettled. Our effort is now to restore that balance, which basically means that we want inflation to be brought down closer to the target.

On discussions with the Government to delink food inflation from inflation goals

I cannot share what discussions happen with the government. We are in regular internal discussions with the government regarding inflation.

On the difference in RBI's GDP growth estimate and Q2 data

Michael Patra: There is a lot of commentary on that already in the press. If you look at the demand side, the main problem is investment. On the supply side, the main problem is manufacturing and the two worlds intertwined. In manufacturing, the biggest issue is the slump in the sales growth and that is reflecting inflation hitting the urban consumer.

So, when sales growth is down, companies do not want to invest in new assets because they see demand as moderate and it can be met from existing capacity. Integration investment is down, so the underlying slowdown in growth is due to inflation.

Secured Overnight Rupee Rate

So as of now, we have two benchmarks set out by the Financial Benchmarks India Ltd. One is the MIBOR which concerns uncollateralised transactions and MROR (Market Repo Overnight Rate) based on market repo. But the TREPS (treasury bill repurchase), which is 60% of the market, is not in that index. So, this index we have now will capture all secure transactions. That's the limit.

Tariff war

Hypothetically, if it happens, it will not be an isolated event. There will be other events around it like for instance, they say, that perhaps, China may react by devaluing the currency or they might bring retaliatory tariffs.

So, at this point, it is very difficult to say what will be an unilateral move and unilateral effect.

NCLAT tells Aakash to move NCLT to lift stay on AoA changes

Sanjay Vijayakumar
CHENNAI

The National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) Chennai told Manipal Group chief Ranjan Pai-backed Aakash Educational Services Ltd. to move an application at National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT), Bengaluru for lifting the stay granted by the latter for amending the company's Articles of Association (AoA).

It directed the NCLT Bengaluru to decide on the matter within three weeks.

Byju's had acquired Aakash in 2021 for $940 million, offering 70% cash and 30% equity to its founders, the Chaudhry family and Blackstone. Later, Mr. Pai had become the largest shareholder of Aakash.

Last month, NCLT Bengaluru, in its interim order, told Aakash and its shareholder Manipal Health Systems not to amend AoA based on an appeal by Singapore VII Topco I Pte. Ltd., owned by Blackstone, with 6.97% stake in Aakash. Blackstone and other shareholders alleged the amendments sought to dilute the rights of minority shareholders and gave more benefits to Manipal.

Later, the Karnataka High Court stayed the NCLT order, against which Singapore VII Topco I Pte and BCP Asia Athena ESC the two minority shareholders in Aakash moved the Supreme Court.

In November 29 order, the Supreme Court told Manipal Health Systems and Aakash Educational Services to move an appeal before the NCLAT against the NCLT order.

Adani Group plans to develop an economic corridor in Odisha

Satyasundar Barik
BHUBANESWAR

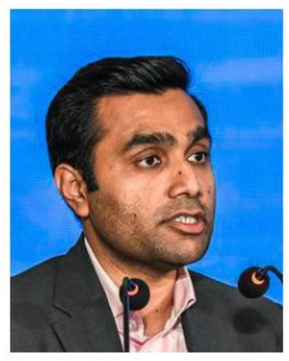
The Adani Group has suggested acquisition of 200-metre-width land in southern Odisha as it proposed to develop economic corridor along 400-km-long stretch connecting Gopalpur port and Jeypore in Koraput district of Odisha.

In a letter to CM Mohan Majhi, Karan Adani, MD, Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone (APSEZ), evinced interest in the development of then economic corridor connecting Gopalpur Port and Jeypore via Rayagada under PM GatiShakti scheme.

Mr. Adani, while referring his meeting with the CM said,"This economic corridor will cut travel time significantly from nine hours to just 3.5 hours between Gopalpur and Jeypore, allowing rapid transport of cargo and fostering industrial growth.

"This development would benefit industries in Koraput, Rayagada, Nabrangpur, Malkangiri and other southern and western districts of Odisha and also enhance access to healthcare and education for local communities, and support the overall economic landscape of the State," he pointed out.

"Given the strategic importance of this connectivity, it is requested that this project should be planned as an economic corridor with road, rail, pipelines and utilities. The ROW (Right of Way) of the economic corridor may be of such width that can accommodate road, rail, pipelines and utilities. The land acquisition for the ROW may be undertaken


Karan Adani

in one installment and should have a width of 200 metre keeping in mind the future development of six lane road, double railway line, pipelines and utilities," mentioned Adani Ports MD in the letter.

Stating the timely and efficient completion of this project is very important for the development of the State, Mr. Adani said,."it is requested to consider developing this project under the BOOT (Build, Own, Operate, Transfer) model. The BOOT model, in partnership with a private player, can ensure efficient execution and timely completion, while also saving on initial costs.

"Under this model, the BOOT partner would invest in the construction and operation of the economic corridor, subsequently transferring it to state government at the end of the concession period. The timely completion of the project will effectively usher in development of the southwestern districts and also meet the transportation and logistics needs of industry and State," he said.

Earlier this year, the APSEZ) acquired Gopalpur Port Ltd. at an enterprise value of ₹3,080 crore.

HASAKEH

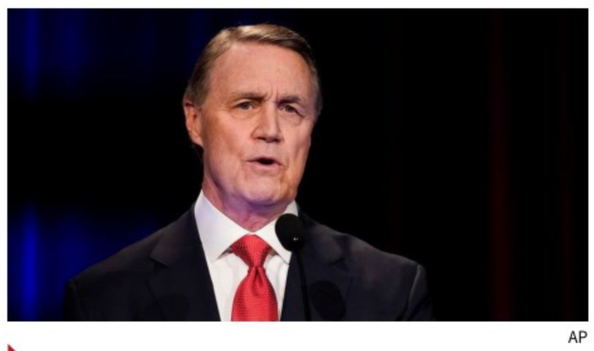
U.S.-backed Syrian Kurds seize eastern city of Deir el-Zor

REUTERS

A U.S.-backed alliance led by Syrian Kurdish fighters has seized the eastern Syrian city of Deir el-Zor, three Syrian sources said on Friday, the third city to fall out of President Bashar al-Assad's control in a week. The alliance, known as the Syrian Democratic Forces, had taken full control of Deir el-Zor by Friday afternoon. REUTERS

WASHINGTON

Trump names former Senator Perdue as Ambassador to China



AP

U.S. President-elect Donald Trump named political ally and former Georgia Senator David Perdue as his pick to be Ambassador to China, who Trump has promised to impose tariffs on. Perdue, 74, a business executive, served as a senator for Georgia from 2015 to 2021, and failed in a bid for governor of the State in 2022. AFP

MOSCOW

Russia captures villages in two key areas of eastern Ukraine frontline

AFP

Russia said on Friday that its forces had captured a village near the embattled supply hub of Pokrovsk and another near the industrial town of Kurakhove, gaining ground in two key areas of the east Ukraine frontline. Russian forces "liberated the settlements" of Sukhi Yaly and Pustynka in the Donetsk region. AFP

VIENNA

'Iran plans to significantly increase enriched uranium production'

AP

Iran plans a major increase in the production rate of highly enriched uranium, the UN nuclear watchdog said. An updated design of Iran's Fordo plant showed that the effect of the change "would be to significantly increase the rate of production of uranium enriched up to 60%", the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) said. AFP

After capturing Hama, Syrian insurgents advance to Homs

Militants have entered two towns just north of Homs; the central city lies on an important intersection between Damascus and Syria's coastal provinces where Assad enjoys wide support

Associated Press
BEIRUT

Thousands of people fled the central Syrian city of Homs, the country's third-largest, as Islamist militants seized two towns on the outskirts on Friday, positioning themselves for an assault on a potentially major prize in their march against President Bashar Assad.

The move, reported by pro-government media and an opposition war monitor, was the latest in the stunning advances by militants over the past week that have so far met little resistance from Mr. Assad's forces. A day earlier, fighters captured the central city of Hama, Syria's fourth-largest, after the Army said it withdrew to avoid fighting inside the city and spare the lives of civilians. The insurgents, led by the jihadist Hayat Tahrir al-Sham HTS), have vowed to march to Homs and the capital, Damascus, Mr. Assad's seat of power.

Choosing sides: People gather as a person holds the Syrian opposition flag in Hama on Friday.

Videos circulating online showed a highway jammed with cars full of people fleeing Homs, a city with a large population belonging to Mr. Assad's Alawite sect, seen as his core supporters.

Crippling blow

If Mr. Assad's military loses Homs, it could be a crippling blow. The city, parts of which were controlled by insurgents until 2014, lies on an important intersection between Damascus and Syria's coastal provinces of Latakia and Tartus, where Mr. Assad enjoys wide support. Homs province is Syria's largest in size and borders Lebanon, Iraq and Jordan.

At least 29 killed in Israeli strikes around key hospital

Agence France-Presse
BEIT LAHIA

Gaza's civil defence agency said 29 people were killed on Friday by Israeli strikes around a major hospital in the northern city of Beit Lahia.

Kamal Adwan Hospital, one of northern Gaza's last functioning health centres, was hit by several strikes in the morning, the agency and the hospital director said.

"There was a series of air strikes on the northern and western sides of the hospital, accompanied by intense and direct fire," said hospital director Hossam Abu Safieh, adding that four members of the staff were killed.

Mahmud Bassal, the civil defence agency's spokesman, said, "At least 29 people were killed and dozens were wounded... since dawn on Friday as a result of the continuing Israeli shelling around Kamal Adwan Hospital."

The Israeli army has not yet responded to requests for comment on the strikes.

Beit Lahia has been the site of an intense Israeli military operation for the past two months that has again escalated in recent days, forcing thousands to flee amid bombing, the civil defence agency said.

Israeli forces have stormed the Kamal Adwan on several occasions since the start of the war nearly 14 months ago. The hospital said its intensive care unit director Ahmad al-Kahlut was killed in an air strike late last month.

Cushioning the blow: A Palestinian pulls away a victim following an Israeli strike that hit the Kamal Adwan hospital in Beit Lahya. AFP

Synagogue comes under arson attack in Australia

Agence France-Presse
JERUSALEM

The police in the Australian city of Melbourne said mask-wearing arsonists attacked a synagogue before dawn on Friday. They were still searching for the suspects and said they did not know why the premises had been targeted.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Friday linked the incident to what he called Canberra's "anti-Israel sentiment".

Mr. Netanyahu said that "this heinous act cannot be separated from the anti-Israel sentiment emanating from the Australian Labor government."

Mr. Netanyahu argued that "anti-Israel sentiment is anti-Semitism".

Russia will use 'all means' to defend its interests, says Lavrov

Associated Press
MOSCOW

Russia's top diplomat said in an interview with former *Fox News* host Tucker Carlson released on Friday that Moscow does not want a war with the U.S. but will use "all means" to defend its interests.

Sergey Lavrov argued that while Russia and the U.S. are officially not at war, Washington's permission for Ukraine to use American longer-range missiles for strikes on Russian territory marked a dangerous escalation.

Sergey Lavrov

Ample help from U.S.

"It is obvious that the Ukrainians would not be able to do what they are doing with long-range modern weapons without direct participation of the American servicemen. And this is dangerous, no doubt about this," he said, adding that the Western belief that Russia's red lines could be "moved again and again" is "a very serious mistake."

Signal to the West

Mr. Lavrov, the world's longest-serving Foreign Minister who has been on the job for 20 years, said that a recent Russian strike on Ukraine with a new hypersonic intermediate-range ballistic missile called *Oreshnik* was a signal to the West that Russia is prepared to use all means to achieve its goals in Ukraine.

S. Korea ruling party head wants to cancel powers of President

Associated Press
SEOUL

Han Dong-hun stressed the need to suspend Mr. Yoon's presidential duties and power swiftly

South Korea's governing party chief expressed support on Friday for suspending the constitutional powers of President Yoon Suk Yeol for imposing martial law this week, in a bombshell reversal that makes Mr. Yoon's impeachment more likely.

Opposition parties are pushing for a parliamentary vote on Mr. Yoon's impeachment on Saturday, calling his short-lived martial law declaration an "unconstitutional, illegal rebellion or coup." But they need support from some members of the President's People Power Party to get the two-thirds majority required to pass the impeachment motion.

During a party meeting, PPP leader Han Dong-hun stressed the need to suspend Mr. Yoon's presidential duties and power swiftly, saying he poses a "significant risk of extreme actions, like re-attempting to impose martial law, which could potentially put the Republic of Korea and its citizens in great danger."

Mr. Han said he received intelligence that Mr. Yoon ordered the country's defence counterintelligence commander to arrest and detain unspecified key politicians based on accusations of "anti-state activities".

"It's my judgment that an immediate suspension of President Yoon Suk Yeol's official duties is necessary to protect the Republic of Korea and its people," Mr. Han said.

China warns Taiwan that relying on the U.S. for independence will 'inevitably hit a wall'

Agence France-Presse
BEIJING

China warned Taiwan on Friday that relying on the United States to help it seek independence "will inevitably hit a wall", as Beijing took aim at a Pacific tour by the self-ruled island's President Lai Ching-te this week.

Mr. Lai's trip, which has included two stops on U.S. soil, has drawn a barrage of criticism from China, which claims Taiwan as part of its territory and opposes any international recognition of the island.

Mr. Lai this week held a phone call with U.S. Republican House Speaker Mike Johnson, which also angered Beijing.

'Doomed to fail'

"Seeking independence with the help of the United States will inevitably hit a wall, and using Taiwan to contain China is doomed to fail," Foreign Ministry spokesman Lin Jian told reporters on Friday.

He added that China has "lodged solemn representations" with Washington and urged it to "stop emptying and gutting the one-China principle".

Asked about Mr. Lai's comment on Friday that he was "confident" that Taiwan would deepen cooperation with incoming U.S. President Donald Trump, Mr. Lin warned the U.S. to "cease meddling in Taiwan-related affairs".

During a Friday press conference, Mr. Lai also urged democracies to be "more united" to counter growing authoritarianism.

He also insisted that Taiwan and China were "not subordinate to each other".

Asked to respond to the latter, Mr. Lin said that "separatist activities... are the biggest threats to peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait". "No matter what they say or do, they cannot change the objective fact that Taiwan is part of China, nor can they stop the historical trend that China... will inevitably reunify," he added.

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IN ELITE CLUB

Bumrah the third Indian pacer to take 50 Test wickets in a year

GETTY IMAGES

Jasprit Bumrah became the third Indian speedster to take 50 or more Test wickets in a calendar year. Usman Khawaja's scalp on the opening day of the Adelaide Test was his 50th wicket in 2024. Kapil Dev (1979 and 1983) and Zaheer Khan (2002) are the other Indian pace bowlers to perform the feat.

SWINGING AWAY

Pink ball dynamics hard to explain, says Starc after remarkable day

AP

Mitchell Starc, stressing that the pink ball dynamics are hard to explain, said: "As a bowler you don't ever feel far away or far out of the game. So if you keep the scoreboard in check, you feel like you always have a good chance." The left-arm pacer also praised Pat Cummins and Scott Boland for their superb spells.

REMEMBRANCE

Australians wear black armbands in memory of Hughes, Redpath

GETTY IMAGES

The Australian players wore black armbands during the pink-ball Test against India in Adelaide on Friday in memory of former players Phillip Hughes and Ian Redpath. Former Australia opener Hughes died in 2014 after being struck on the head in a Sheffield Shield match. Redpath, also an opener, passed away recently.

BIG CROWD

Adelaide sees record turnout on day one of India-Australia Test

GETTY IMAGES

As many as 36,225 heads dotted the stands at the Adelaide Oval on the first day of the second India-Australia Test to create a new record for crowd turnout during a five-day game featuring the two sides. According to data provided by Cricket Australia (CA), the previous record was 35,081 spectators during the 2011-12 series.

Starc's super six flattens India in pink-ball challenge

McSweeney, Labuschagne make steady progress after the visitors are bowled out for 180 in their first innings; Nitish comes up with another aggressive knock; skipper Rohit and Kohli fail to get going

INDIA IN AUS

K.C. Vijaya Kumar
ADELAIDE

Australia saw the light on a Friday night. At a packed Adelaide Oval and on a rather unusual day in which the expected rains stayed away while the floodlights malfunctioned twice, the host scored 86 for one in reply to India's first innings score of 180.

The second Test's opening day was a tale of two parts. The first revealed a vulnerable Indian stint and the second highlighted Australia's desire to fight back in the Border-Gavaskar Trophy series, in which the host trails 0-1.

Australian openers Usman Khawaja and Nathan McSweeney survived the first 10 overs before Jasprit Bumrah caused the initial breach. Khawaja redirected a Bumrah special to Rohit Sharma at first slip. A twitchy Marnus Labuschagne then survived an inquisition from Bumrah before finding his voice.

McSweeney too freed his earlier dour arms and that found an echo through Labuschagne's bat as the 62-run unbeaten second-wicket partnership took shape. Pat Cummins and his men would perhaps believe that they are marginally ahead even if they still have a 94-run deficit to clear.

In the afternoon, Rohit won the toss, elected to bat and India had the services of R. Ashwin, who was preferred over Washington Sundar.

The atmosphere around the ground was like a carnival, fans trooped in from all corners with a mix of the local yellow and the Indian blue shade. There was a Village Green enclosure where members of the South Australia Cricket Association gathered for banter and refreshments.

Breathing fire: Starc, who proved unplayable, traps Ashwin in front. GETTY IMAGES

The venue got an instant adrenaline boost when Mitchell Starc dismissed Yashasvi Jaiswal with the match's first ball. Trapped right in front, Jaiswal left. A patient K.L. Rahul and a keen Shubman Gill then anchored India. Gill, with two fielders under his gaze and a waiting slip cordon, drove carefully. Rahul defended astutely even if there were a few play-and-miss routines.

Gill tucked into Starc and Rahul opened his account off the 21st ball he faced. There was drama too as he edged Scott Boland and it turned out to be a no-ball, and then Khawaja dropped him in the slips. Gradually Rahul began to cut and drive but once he fell to Starc, with the catch flying to McSweeney, India went through a delicate phase.

From 69 for two, it became 81 for four as Virat Kohli and Gill, became tentative, as a bat was grazed and pads got ruffled.

With Rohit walking in at six and Rishabh Pant for company, India needed an alliance extending past the break. It was not to be as Boland got one to nip back and cramped Rohit while Cummins surprised Pant with a delivery that climbed steeply.

At 109 for six, India leant on Nitish Kumar and Ashwin to hustle the runs, which they did partly well. After Starc accounted for Ashwin and Harshit Rana, Nitish (42) turned aggressor and Boland felt the heat as reverse-scoops and pulls yielded a six each. Once Nitish fell, the Indian first innings concluded and Starc had his rewards (six for 48).

SCOREBOARD

INDIA — 1ST INNINGS
Yashasvi Jaiswal lbw b Starc 0 *(1b)*, K.L. Rahul c McSweeney b Starc 37 *(64b, 6x4)*, Shubman Gill lbw b Boland 31 *(51b, 5x4)*, Virat Kohli c Smith b Starc 7 *(8b, 1x4)*, Rishabh Pant c Labuschagne b Cummins 21 *(35b, 2x4)*, Rohit Sharma lbw b Boland 3 *(23b)*, Nitish Kumar c Head b Starc 42 *(54b, 3x4, 3x6)*, R. Ashwin lbw b Starc 22 *(22b, 3x4)*, Harshit Rana b Starc 0 *(3b)*, Jasprit Bumrah c Khawaja b Cummins 0 *(8b)*, Mohammed Siraj (not out) 4 *(3b, 1x4)*; Extras (lb-5, nb-7, w-1): 13; Total (in 44.1 overs): 180.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-0 (Jaiswal, 0.1 overs), 2-69 (Rahul, 18.4), 3-77 (Kohli, 20.1), 4-81 (Gill, 21.1), 5-87 (Rohit, 25.5), 6-109 (Pant, 32.5), 7-141 (Ashwin, 38.2), 8-141 (Harshit, 38.5), 9-176 (Bumrah, 43.3).

AUSTRALIA BOWLING
Starc 14.1-2-48-6, Cummins 12-4-41-2, Boland 13-0-54-2, Lyon 1-0-6-0, Marsh 4-0-26-0.

AUSTRALIA — 1ST INNINGS
Usman Khawaja c Rohit b Bumrah 13 *(35b, 2x4)*, Nathan McSweeney (batting) 38 *(97b, 6x4)*, Marnus Labuschagne (batting) 20 *(67b, 3x4)*; Extras (b-13, lb-1, nb-1): 15; Total (for one wkt. in 33 overs): 86.

FALL OF WICKET
1-24 (Khawaja, 10.6).

INDIA BOWLING
Bumrah 11-4-13-1, Siraj 10-3-29-0, Harshit 8-2-18-0, Nitish 3-1-12-0, Ashwin 1-1-0-0.

Toss: India.

Still running in trying to attack the stumps: Starc

K.C. Vijaya Kumar
ADELAIDE

When Mitchell Starc turned up at the Adelaide Oval for the 2020 pink-ball Test, he dismissed Prithvi Shaw with the match's second delivery. On Friday, he did one better as he scalped Yashasvi Jaiswal with the very first thunderbolt he bowled.

A self-effacing Starc downplayed the effort. "Yeah, I had the stumps (in my sights) and hit the pads. That's it. Nothing special. I am still running in trying to attack the stumps, trying to swing it. Some days it works, some days it doesn't," the Australian spearhead told the media.

Having run into a dominant Jaiswal in the Perth Test's second innings, Starc said: "Nice to get him early. And now we will have to work on him in the second innings." The speedster felt that Australia is ahead in the second Test: "Been a very good first day for us with the ball. After that first hour, we were pretty bang on. Nice way to start this Test."

Starc also expressed satisfaction over the manner in which the Australian top-order shaped up: "It is a good way to finish the day. The hardest time to bat is that third session with the brand new pink ball. To finish one down, particularly from Marne (Labuschagne) and (Nathan) McSweeney to fight through that and counter sustained pressure from a quality bowling attack, that was fantastic."

India can get back into the game, says ten Doeschate

Switching gears: Nitish's fearless knock boosted India's score. AFP

K.C. Vijaya Kumar
ADELAIDE

Ryan ten Doeschate felt that India can turn the tide in the second Test.

"I know that the scores look like there is a big gap between the two teams but we still feel we are in the game and with a few tweaks tomorrow (Saturday), we can get back in the game," India's assistant coach told the media at the Adelaide Oval here on Friday night.

He mentioned that things happen a bit faster with the pink ball: "It is the nature of the pink ball. Things happen in clumps, we lost wickets in clumps, which we wanted to avoid. I also thought that Mitchell's (Starc) stock ball was very good and there are lessons to be learnt from that first innings. We will look at how we can play better in the second innings."

Drawing inspiration from the Perth Test, ten Doeschate said: "At Perth we got bowled out for 150 and still we got back into that game. This is a proud team and the players want to come here and do well. We may be slightly behind in the game now but there won't be any surrendering."

Explaining that perhaps the Indian seamers could have bowled a bit fuller, ten Doeschate also gave credit to the way Australia batted: "They left very well. We feel that the kind of swing and seam is a little bit inconsistent which makes it tough for both parties."

The assistant coach also lauded Nitish Kumar: "We are pleased with him. He is a young kid, and a little bit of work has to be done. But the way he played at Perth and out here, these are knocks of good quality." And about picking R. Ashwin, ten Doeschate said: "We felt that on this Adelaide surface he will be more suited."

Suryavanshi in smashing form as India powers into the final

Press Trust of India
SHARJAH

Vaibhav Suryavanshi was the star of the show again with a second successive half-century as India stormed into the Under-19 Asia Cup ODI final with a seven-wicket win over Sri Lanka on Friday.

The 13-year-old smashed five sixes and six fours in his 36-ball 67 as India chased down a target of 174 with ease.

Opting to bat, Sri Lanka only managed 173.

India's chase was built on a solid foundation laid by Ayush Mhatre (34 off 28) as he put on a stand of 91 with Suryavanshi for the opening wicket.

The young left-hander started with consecutive sixes and a boundary off Sigera, who ended up giving away 31 runs in his opening over.

India will face Bangladesh in the final in Dubai on Sunday.

Bangladesh defeated Pakistan by seven wickets, completing a modest chase of 117 in 22.1 overs.

The scores (semifinals):

At Sharjah: Sri Lanka 173 in 46.2 overs (Sharujan Shanmuganathan 42, Lakvin Abeysinghe 69, Chetan Sharma 3/34) lost to India 175/3 in 21.4 overs (Vaibhav Suryavanshi 67); **PoM:** Suryavanshi.

At Dubai: Pakistan 116 in 37 overs (Iqbal Hossain Emon 4/24) lost to Bangladesh 120/3 in 22.1 overs (Azizul Hakim Tamim 61 n.o.); **PoM:** Emon.

Chase master: Suryavanshi led the charge once again as India won at a canter. AP

Young sets the pace, grabs the lead

V.V. Ramanan
NASSAU

Cameron Young, the only player in the 20-man field without a PGA Tour win, set the pace early on and sustained it to finish atop the leaderboard at a bogey-free 8-under-par 64 after the opening round of the Hero World Challenge at the Albany course on Thursday.

The American was two strokes clear of two-time PGA Championship winner Justin Thomas, who rattled off six birdies on the back nine (including four straight from the 14th hole), and three ahead of a quintet that included defending champion and World No. 1 Scottie Scheffler, three debutants – Ludvig Aberg, the Indian-origin duo of Akshay Bhatia and Sahith Theegala – and Patrick Cantlay.

Moving ahead: Young, with a 64, held a two-shot advantage after the opening round. AP

The 27-year-old Young, who carded five birdies on the front nine, was one stroke shy of the best opening round in the history of the tournament set by Michael Campbell 19 years ago.

On the contrary, Nick Dunlap, a nominee for the Arnold Palmer Award as PGA Tour Rookie of the Year, who also fired in eight birdies, endured a bad run in the final three holes with a bogey, par and double bogey after having been 7-under.

He was Tied-8 on 68 along with three fellow competitors.

In fact, on a day that was partly sunny with the temperature hovering in the mid-20s Celsius, 16 players returned to the clubhouse with under-par scores.

Asked what clicked for him, Young, making his third appearance at the event, said consistent good driving did the trick.

"I drove it great. I'm sure I missed a fairway or two, but for the most part I was really well in position," he said.

Top scores (after first round):
64: Cameron Young.
66: Justin Thomas.
67: Akshay Bhatia, Ludvig Aberg, Patrick Cantlay, Scottie Scheffler, Sahith Theegala.

(The writer is in Nassau at the invitation of Hero MotoCorp).

INBRIEF

Brook lashes century to put England on top after day 1

Harry Brook played the role of New Zealand's nemesis with flair on Friday, reaching his eighth Test century as England finished in a strong position after the first day of the second Test in Wellington. Brook's fast-paced innings of 123 included a century from 91 balls helped England post 280 and reduce the host to 86 for five.

The scores: England 280 in 54.4 overs (Brook 123, Pope 66, Nathan Smith 4/86) vs New Zealand 86/5 in 26 overs. **Toss:** New Zealand.

Nissanka leads Lanka's strong reply against South Africa

Opener Pathum Nissanka led Sri Lanka to 242 for three, in reply to South Africa's bonus 358 on day two of the second Test at St George's Park on Friday. Nissanka's 89, his seventh Test fifty behind two centuries, easily shone in a steady effort by the top order to reduce the deficit to 116 runs by stumps.

The scores: South Africa 358 in 103.4 overs (Rickelton 101, Verreynne 105 n.o., Bavuma 78, Kumara 4/79) vs Sri Lanka 242/3 in 67 overs (Nissanka 89).

Clinical Punjab eases past Mohammedan SC

Punjab FC triumphed over Mohammedan SC 2-0 at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in New Delhi in the Indian Super League. The host rode on two second-half goals from Luka Majcen and Filip Mrzljak to bag three points on Friday. Mohammedan SC had plenty of chances but couldn't convert them into goals.

The result: Punjab FC 2 (Majcen 58, Mrzljak 66) bt Mohammedan SC 0.

Shafaghi stars in Thalaivas' big win over Giants

Moein Shafaghi produced a fine show as Tamil Thalaivas cruised to a 40-27 victory over Gujarat Giants in one of its biggest wins in the Pro Kabaddi League in Pune on Friday. Shafaghi scored 13 points and Sourabh Fagare and Himanshu added seven each. For Giants, Himanshu Singh finished with 11 points. Both sides made a slow start before Thalaivas pulled away to a three-point lead within the first five minutes. Haryana Steelers defeated Patna Pirates 42-36 in the other match of the day.

Asian women's handball: Japan proves too hot for India

Former champion Japan proved too strong for host India as it cruised to a 48-15 victory in the last league match of the 20th Asian women's handball championship at the KD Jadhav arena of the Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium in New Delhi on Friday. It was the second loss of the four-team league for India, which has already lost its chance for semifinals when it lost by two goals to Iran. Iran won its second match against Hong Kong to make the semifinals, which would also ensure a berth in the next edition of the World Championship. Having finished third in the group, India will compete in the positional matches for the 5th to 8th place.

The results (league): Group-A: Korea bt China 25-14; Kazakhstan bt Singapore 38-7.
Group-B: Iran bt Hong Kong 26-17; Japan bt India 48-15.

The long series of games is still the best way

For all the criticism directed at the event — along with Carlsen's abdication — it is unfair to Ding, Gukesh and all the players who have been part of the gruelling qualification cycle

Need of the hour: Chess must have a World title match in the current format. PTI

FIDE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SINGAPORE 2024

P.K. Ajith Kumar
SINGAPORE

A little over a week from now, we will witness the crowning of the World chess champion. The question is if the 18-year-old D. Gukesh will become the 18th World champion. There is a nice ring to it, isn't there?

That will no doubt be a great moment for Indian chess, and the game in general, in fact. The World title match, which resumes on Saturday after a day's break, is still in the balance, with the defending champion Ding Liren proving all those top players who wrote him off – citing poor form and his mental health issues – wrong.

Regardless of who wins, a question has also been raised about the legitimacy of this World championship. Former World champion Garry Kasparov has said that he is not regarding this match as the World championship since the planet's best player, Magnus Carlsen, is not competing. The World No. 1 from Norway had abdicated his crown after winning his fifth title in a row in 2021, citing lack of motivation.

Kasparov argues that the World championship is about finding the world's best player, and that it stopped with Carlsen. That is a fair point, but that is being unfair to Ding, Gukesh and all the players who have been part of the gruelling World championship cycle. You have to first qualify for the Candidates tournament and then win it before you become eligible to challenge the World champion.

And it is not exactly Ding or Gukesh's fault that Carlsen has chosen to step away. He has also been critical of the format of the World championship – a long series of games (but it used to be much longer in the past), the need to prepare hard for months and the difficulty to get interesting positions.

But, that is also one of the charms about the World championship: the new ideas that a World title match could bring to the game. And for those who are not fans of this format, there are the other World championships, like the rapid and blitz, the latest edition of which kicks off in New York later this month.

Like cricket, chess offers a lot of variety these days. It is getting even more varied, with freestyle chess and Global Chess League.

So chess needs a World title match in the current format. And it is not the first time that the world's best player has stayed away. Before Carlsen, Kasparov himself had done it, as did Bobby Fischer.

Yet, the World championship has survived.

Enterprising Gukesh and resilient Ding battling it out

After the rest day, Gukesh came ready to do battle for Game 7 of the World chess championship in Singapore. He had a new idea in a system which has been played extensively in the past and managed to navigate the middle game expertly. The position was complex and many of the moves were very hard, but Gukesh showed his exceptional ability to calculate, and found several difficult moves. I found his play from moves 23 to 36 impressive.

They reached an endgame which was technically won for Gukesh, but Ding continued to find the toughest defence. This was high drama and the audience followed every twist and turn in this fantastic game.

Gukesh finally made a mistake by moving his king to e1 on move 44, Ding found the reply f6, a very fine move, and at that point the technical task had become quite difficult. Gukesh didn't see a hidden resource that Ding had spotted and the advantage fizzled out. So, an absolutely brilliant game by Gukesh but Ding showed his class by defending well.

After the exhausting Game 7, Ding played the English Opening and Gukesh followed a system that many years ago Grzegorz Gajewski had recommended for me. He equalised and more importantly, it gave Gukesh the chance to keep the position combative.

Ding had the two bishops but Gukesh blunted played the original Ne7and f6 and got a good centre. Ding lost his concentration momentarily and allowed a b5 break whilst trying to prevent it. Ding then sacrificed his a2 pawn, though he revealed in the press conference that this was simply an oversight.

Probably he feels that counter-attack is the best form of defence against Gukesh. Now Gukesh made a serious mistake: moving the wrong knight.

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From a position where Gukesh had very serious winning chances, suddenly he was worse and he was going to have to fight for the draw. Gukesh adjusted to the new situation and made the right defensive moves, and just when Ding offered him a repetition of moves, he declined the draw in a worse position.

Ding couldn't figure out the complicated way forward and decided to force the draw and Gukesh had to agree.

Game 9 never got going and resulted in an uneventful draw.

Gukesh is coming closer to breaking through, but Ding is showing his resilience. The price of a breakthrough now is very high.

Quality fare expected as junior stars take the stage

Y.B. Sarangi
BHUBANESWAR

Several up-and-coming athletes, including under-20 National record holder pole vaulter Dev Meena and South Asian junior championships silver medallist 100m hurdler Sabita Toppo, promise quality action in the 39th National junior athletics championship starting here on Saturday.

With the Kalinga Stadium buzzing due to the presence of around 2000 athletes from four age groups, the event, which was postponed from October due to a cyclone threat, will provide the youngsters a platform to assess themselves. It will also test a few others aspiring to compete in the inter-university meets and National Games.

For the first time, the championship will have restrictions in a few events for the under-14, 16 and 18 athletes as the Athletics Federation of India (AFI) is making efforts to discourage early specialisation and facilitate young athletes' growth.

The emergence of the javelin throwers, after the success of two-time Olympic medallist Neeraj Chopra, has been fascinating. The presence of Asian under-20 gold and silver medallists Deepanshu Sharma (Personal Best: 71.21m) and Rohan Yadav (PB 70.03m) in the men's category and National Open bronze medallist Deepika (PB 55.23m) among women may produce gripping action.

The 17-year-old Amanat Kamboj, who bagged an Asian under-20 silver in discus with a personal best of 50.45m, will be watched with bated breath. Meena, who set the under-20 mark of 5.20m but narrowly missed the National record of 5.31m in the under-23 meet at Patna, will be eager to attain a new high.

Mahalanabish, Ishani emerge champions

Sports Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Gem Mahalanabish beat Ariv Dutta 9-11, 12-10, 11-5, 8-11, 11-4 to win the boys' under-11 title in the UTT National-ranking table tennis tournament on Friday.

In the girls' final, Ishani Gogi beat Sakshya Santosh 11-4, 12-9, 11-8.

Other results: U-11: Boys: Semifinals: Ariv Dutta (NCOE) bt R. Aadi Seshan (Ker) 11-4, 11-9, 11-5, Gem Mahalanabish (Ben) bt H. Tanish (TN) 11-7, 11-9, 13-11.
Quarterfinals: Aadi Seshan (Ker) bt Arunim Agarwal 11-9, 7-11, 8-11, 11-9, 11-8; Ariv bt Biprojeet Paul (Asm) 11-1, 11-4, 5-11, 11-8; Tanish bt Sativk Sharma (Pun) 11-6, 11-4, 7-11, 11-6; Gem bt Atharva Malviya (Har) 11-6, 11-7, 11-2.
Girls: Semifinals: Sakshya Santosh (Kar) bt Divija Paul (Asm) 3-11, 11-9, 11-9, 11-8; Ishani Gogoi (Asm) bt Pehel Gupat (UP) 11-8, 11-9, 14-12.
Quarterfinals: Ishani bt Jinaya Vadhan (Mah) 14-12, 11-3, 11-9; Sakshya bt Mahato Akshita (Ben) 11-7, 11-2, 11-4; Pehal Gupta (UP) bt Avya Phalaswal (Har) 11-9, 11-9, 11-9; Divja bt Mandar (Del) 11-8, 11-9, 14-12.

Eagles overcome Smashers' challenge

TPL

Sports Bureau
MUMBAI

Karan Singh, Zeynep Sonmez and Jeevan Neduchezhiyan powered Yash Mumbai Eagles to a 58-42 victory over Chennai Smashers in the preliminary phase of the Tennis Premier League at the CCI on Friday.

The sizzling show, which saw Karan Singh stun World No. 75 Hugo Gaston 14-11, took the team's tally to 215 points, and the top of the table.

Rithvik Bollipalli and Conny Perrin lost closely in mixed doubles, but Jeevan and Karan sealed it with a 15-10 win for Eagles in men's doubles against Gaston and Rithvik.

Gabriela Knutson, Anirudh Chandrasekar and Bernabe Miralles helped Bengaluru SG Pipers pull down leader Hyderabad Strikers to the second spot by inflicting a 53-47 defeat.

Hyderabad (211) was followed by Rajasthan Rangers (205), Gujarat Panthers (201), Punjab Patriots (198), Bengaluru SG Pipers (198), Chennai Smashers (190) and Bengal Wizards (182).

Saturday will be the final day of the preliminary league matches.

The results (league):

Gujarat Panthers bt Bengal Wizards 51-49 (Ekaterina Kazionova bt Kamilla Rakhimova 13-12; Sumit Nagal bt Niki Poonacha 16-9; Kazionova & Siddhant Banthia lost to Kamilla & Sriram Balaji 10-15; Sumit & Banthia lost to Balaji & Poonacha 12-13).

Yash Mumbai Eagles bt Chennai Smashers 58-42 (Zeynep Sonmez bt Conny Perrin 16-9; Karan Singh bt Hugo Gaston 14-11; Zenep & Jeevan Neduchezhiyan bt Conny & Rithvik Bollipalli 13-12; Jeevan & Karan bt Gaston & Rithvik 15-10).

Rajasthan Rangers bt Punjab Patriots 51-49 (Cristina Dinu lost to Elina Avanesyan 10-15; Arthur Fery bt S. Mukund 16-9; Cristina & Rohan Bopanna lost to Elina & Saketh Myneni 12-13; Arthur & Bopanna bt Mukund & Saketh 13-12).

Bengaluru SG Pipers bt Hyderabad Strikers 53-47 (Gabriela Knutson bt Harriet Dart 13-12; Bernabe Miralles bt Benjamin Lock 15-10; Gabriela & Anirudh Chandrasekar bt Harriet & Vishnu Vardhan 13-12; Bernabe & Anirudh lost to Benjamin & Vishnu 12-13).

Haryana grapplers hog limelight on day one

N. Sudarshan
BENGALURU

As expected, Haryana grabbed a lion's share of the gold medals on the opening day of the Senior National wrestling championship at the Koramangala Indoor Stadium here on Friday, with its grapplers winning four of the 10 men's freestyle events.

Amidst a cacophony of sounds, dance programmes, folk music and endless felicitations, the 25-year-old Anuj Kumar, a former under-23 National champion and a senior Asian and World Championships participant in 2023, opened the golden floodgates for Haryana with an easy win over Services' Sharwan 10-2 in 70kg. Siddharth (65kg), Amit (79kg) and Sachin (92kg) followed.

Local lad Rohan Narayan got the home fans excited with a run to the 74kg final and even took a 4-0 lead over Services' Jaideep. But the latter turned it around in emphatic fashion, winning 14-4.

The results (freestyle):

57kg: Gold: Rahul (Del) bt Shubham (Ser) 6-4; **Bronze:** Sumit (Har) bt Akshay (Mah) 8-6; Vikash (Raj) bt Bapi Das (Odi) 5-0.

61kg: Gold: Pankaj (Ser) bt Lalit Kaushal (MP) 6-0; **Bronze:** Natter Singh (J&K) bt Ajit Bhuyan (Odi) 10-0; Neeraj (Del) bt Deepak (Har) 9-6.

65kg: Gold: Siddharth (Har) bt Mohit Kumar (Ser) 4-4; **Bronze:** Sumit Vishnoi (Raj) bt Shubham (Mah) 9-7; Ayush Kumar (UP) bt Mahesh P. Gouda (Kar) 16-6.

Guts and glory: Anuj registered a facile win in the 70kg freestyle gold medal bout. SUDHAKARA JAIN

70kg: Gold: Anuj Kumar (Har) bt Sharwan (Ser) 10-2; **Bronze:** Tushant (Mah) bt Suraj (Pun) 13-3; Sarvesh Yadav (UP) bt Maheshkumar (Kar) 10-1.

74kg: Gold: Jaideep (Ser) bt Rohan Narayan (Kar) 14-4; **Bronze:** Adarsh (Mah) bt Prateek Singh (Pun) 4-3; Deepak (Har) bt Gaurav (Del) 7-6.

79kg: Gold: Amit (Har) bt Anuj Tomar (UP) 5-0; **Bronze:** Mohit (Del) bt Parmendra (Raj) 6-0; Chandermohan (Ser) w/o Vishal Kumar (Pun).

86kg: Gold: Mukul Dahiya (Del) bt Sandeep Singh (Pun) 5-4; **Bronze:** Sachin (Har) bt Vikas Beniwal (Chd) 8-3; Manjeet (Ser) bt Shubham (HP) 14-4.

92kg: Gold: Sachin (Har) bt Tanuj Antil (Chd) 10-0; **Bronze:** Anil (Del) bt Yashwant Giri (UP) 14-8; Vetal (Mah) bt Omar Bin Awad (Tel) 6-0.

97kg: Gold: Sahil (Pun) bt Pardeep (Har) 4-0; **Bronze:** Deepak Chahal (Del) bt Mandeep (Ser) 4-0; Saket (Mah) bt Bheem Yadav (UP) 11-0.

125kg: Gold: Dinesh (Ser) bt Harshavardhan (Mah) 12-1; **Bronze:** Rajat Ruhal (Har) bt Raju (Chd) 11-1; Lakshay Sehr (Del) bt Karandeep (Pun) 8-4.

Tottenham rocked by spirited Bournemouth

Agence France-Presse
LONDON

Ange Postecoglou slammed Tottenham's flops as furious fans turned on the Australian and his spluttering side after Bournemouth condemned it to a shock 1-0 defeat on Thursday.

Dean Huijsen netted in the first half at the Vitality Stadium to leave Postecoglou's troubled team with just one win in its last six games in all competitions.

Tottenham's sixth Premier League defeat this season was another setback for the under-fire Postecoglou after last weekend's disappointing 1-1 draw at home to 10-man Fulham.

On target: Huijsen, right, scores Bournemouth's winner. AP

Ninth-placed Bournemouth has now beaten Arsenal, Manchester City and Tottenham at home this season.

The results: Bournemouth 1 (Huijsen 17) bt Tottenham 0; Fulham 3 (Iwobi 4, 87, O'Riley 79-og) bt Brighton 1 (Baleba 56).

With maiden title under his belt, coach Sreejesh takes baby steps

HOCKEY

Uthra Ganesan
NEW DELHI

Sreejesh.
FILE PHOTO: R. RAVINDRAN

Having earned his maiden call-up to the national camp in 2004 for the Junior Asia Cup, India's recent triumph at the tournament with him as coach holds special value for P.R. Sreejesh. That it is his maiden title in his new role made it even more special.

"It was a big milestone for the team, the start of bigger dreams - Asian Games, Asia Cup, World Cup, Olympics - and the confidence that they can do well on bigger stages. But it was also a platform for them to realise that the Junior World Cup next year won't be easy. This was not an easy tournament. Games against Japan, Malaysia and Pakistan made it clear," Sreejesh told *The Hindu* a day after the team returned from Oman.

Having finished third at the Sultan of Johor Cup, the two outings have given Sreejesh enough insights into a coach's job.

"Johor was a chance to understand my players and where they stand under pressure. Being in the top-four was good enough for me at that time. But JAC is very different - it comes with pressure and a JWC quota. It will be the same situation in a couple of years for the boys when they play the Asia Cup or Asian Games with direct qualification at stake.

"It was also important for us because we didn't want to go into JWC as a quota team (as host) but claim our place on merit as a matter of right. The boys now know that we have to get better in every department – fitness, basics, PC variations – and that will be the focus for the next one year. They know that if they play at the same level in JWC, it will be difficult to finish among medals," Sreejesh admitted.

New role, fresh outlook

He is learning his own lessons as well, the most important being to stop thinking like a player. "I have always been aggressive while playing. Now I write down to remind myself that I am not a player any more and need to control my aggression.

"It's baby steps for me and I am learning my way around and intend to keep doing it to build a good team for JWC," he signed off.

It's Hammer Time for one final time

Hamilton's 12-year association with Mercedes will come to an end on Sunday; the Brit clinched six world titles during this period

FORMULA ONE

S. Dipak Ragav
CHENNAI

This weekend's Abu Dhabi Grand Prix will not only be the final race of what has been a fascinating 2024 Formula One season, but also the swansong of F1's most successful partnership.

Come Sunday, Lewis Hamilton will rev up his Mercedes car for the last time before ending a 12-year association with the German marquee that started in 2013. During this period, he clinched six world titles and became the most accomplished F1 driver statistically.

The Hamilton-Mercedes alliance was a marriage of convenience. After six years at McLaren since his debut in 2007, the British racer was no longer happy at the team that had cared for him since his early teens and where he took his first crown in 2008.

Meanwhile, Mercedes – which entered as a full-works outfit in 2010 – underestimated the challenge of F1, struggling to fight for even podiums regularly for three years. It needed a star name to lead the project in its post-Michael Schumacher era and swooped in for Hamilton at the opportune moment.

And when the cars rolled out for pre-season testing in 2014, it became clear that Hamilton had pulled off a masterstroke, as the Mercedes emerged as the clear front-runner in the new Hybrid Power Unit era.

The finale: Hamilton will want to sign off on a high in the Silver Arrows. GETTY IMAGES

He duly steamrolled the opposition, collecting six titles in seven years and losing only once to teammate Nico Rosberg in 2016 by just five points.

This period saw him become the undisputed best driver on the grid. He showed excellent qualifying pace and married that with stirring race-day performances through a combination of natural talent and expert tyre management skills.

The fact that he could reel in a series of fast laps on demand – often on old tyres before a pit stop – whenever his race engineer Pete Bonnington came on the radio with the now famous clarion call of 'Hammer Time' to drive the wheels off the car showed why Hamilton is considered one of, if not the best, the sport has seen.

However, the successful run ended in 2021 in acrimonious circumstances. Hamilton was on course for an eighth world title, leading the finale at Abu Dhabi ahead of his rival Max Verstappen. However, the race director's wrong interpretation of the restart procedure following a Safety Car period allowed Verstappen to pass him on the last lap and take the title.

Since 2022, the three-pointed star car stopped being the force it was, and the last three years have been challenging for this combination. He has also been unhappy with the team for not listening to his feedback. But on Sunday at the Yas Marina circuit, when Hamilton closes his visor lid, he will want to sign off on a high in his final hurrah in the Silver Arrows.

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AND
NIL .....RESPONDENT

WHEREAS the petitioner above named has made a petition dated 04.11.2024 under Part IX (Sections 222, 273, 276, & 300) of the Indian Succession Act 1925 for grant of **Probate** in the matter of the **Estate of Venkata Rao Koorapaty also known as Koorapaty Venkata Rao** (Deceased) the fixed place of abode of the deceased at the time of death was "Pushpahasam", No.1925, 30th Cross Street, Banashankari 2nd stage, Bengaluru - 560070.

Be it known that no caveat has been entered and that the said petition is posted for hearing on the **Tenth day of January Two Thousand and Twenty Five (10.01.2025)** and all persons claiming to have any interest in the estate of the Deceased may come and see the proceedings before the grant of Probate.

Given under my hand and seal of this court on this **Twenty Second day of November Two thousand and Twenty Four.**

By order of Hon'ble Court
Assistant Registrar
High Court of Karnataka
Bengaluru-560001

Counsel for the Petitioners :
Vivek Anand Anthony Britto
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Advocates
"Daisville", 633, 5th Main, Indiranagar II Stage, Bengaluru-560038
Place: Bengaluru Date: 07.12.2024

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Engineer-in-Chief,
Head Office Premises, N.R. Square, Bengaluru-560002

No.: EIC/BBMP/PR/1923/2024-25 Date: 06.12.2024

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR RAISING FUNDS

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE INTENDS TO RAISE FUNDS FOR ITS TWIN TUNNEL PROJECT

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) is inviting Expression of Interest (EOI) from reputed financial institutions and banks for raising loans to finance a large-scale underground infrastructure project. This project, currently referred to as **"Bengaluru Twin Tunnel Project"**, is an underground vehicular tunnel which aims to enhance mobility, reduce congestion, and foster sustainable growth in Bengaluru.

(1) All Financial Institutions (including Multi-lateral Development Banks, Bilateral Development Banks, Indian Development Financing Institutions, Scheduled Public and private commercial Banks) are eligible to participate. Financial institutions should be registered with RBI or relevant authority and have minimum 5 years lending experience.

(2) The BBMP proposes to borrow around Rs. 19,000 Crores by availing term loan facilities from the Banks on the following terms and conditions:

Guarantee	Unconditional and irrevocable Guarantee by the GOK.
Security & Asset Coverage	The term loan, interest and all other monies related thereto will be secured by a first mortgage and charge (which shall rank *pari-passu* for the existing and future borrowings) on such properties of the BBMP as may be agreed to by both the parties.
Pre-payment	BBMP shall have the right to prepay the loan amount either in full or in part at any time, without any pre-payment premium / condition.
Withdrawal of Funds	The BBMP reserves the right to draw the amount based on requirement. The proposed loan's first installment is proposed to be withdrawn from 1st April 2025 and will be drawn completely before 31st December 2027.

The Quotation bid shall be submitted as a sealed cover physically to the Office of the Special Commissioner (Finance), BBMP with in the stipulated deadline bearing the identification **"Financial Bid for funding requirements of the Underground Vehicular Road 3-lane Twin Tunnels with Tunnel Boring Machine for the North-South Corridor of Bengaluru starting from Hebbal Esteem Mall Junction to Silk Board KSRP Junction in the State of Karnataka on BOT (Toll) Mode"**. Address: Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, N.R. Square, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560002.

Following is the calendar of events for the process: (1) Notice inviting tender for raising funds: **7.12.2024. (2)** Submission of query and enquiry: **9.12.2024 to 11.12.2024. (3)** Purchase of DPR of the tunnel project @ INR 25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only) demand draft payable to Chief Commissioner BBMP: **9.12.2024 to 12.12.2024. (4)** Pre bid meeting in the Office of Special Commissioner (Finance): **16.12.2024. (5)** Last Date for submission of bid sealed cover: **19.12.2024 upto 4:00 p.m. (6)** Opening of bids: **19.12.2024.**

You may kindly contact the following officials for any further information / clarification: Dhananjaya K.K. (+91-9845208023) or Shilpa (+91-986553232)

Sd/-
Engineer-in-Chief
Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
PUBLIC HEALTH AND MUNICIPAL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

NITS: 388/DB/SBM 2.0/101 ULBs/2024-25 Dt: 04.12.2024

Name of the work: MA & UD - PHMED - Sewerage Projects in 101 ULBs in the State of Telangana under SBM 2.0, **Total Cost: Rs. 3769.34 Crores;** Bid Download Start Date: 10.12.2024 @ 11.00 AM; Pre-Bid Meeting Date: 17.12.2024 @ 11.00 AM @ Conference Hall, 7th floor, O/o ENC (PH), Hyderabad; Bid Submission Start Date: 20.12.2024 @ 11.00 AM; Bid Submission Closing Date: 09.01.2025 @ 04:30PM. For details visit https://tender.telangana.gov.in. Contact No:- 040-23325849, 9154299724.

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Office of the Superintending Engineer PWD Circle Jhunjhunu
No. 1600-01 Date: 29.11.2024

NOTICE INVITING BID

Bids for 07 Nos. Work of Road/Building work (NIT 08/2024-25 dated 29.11.2024) in Jhunjhunu Distt. are invited from interested bidders from dated 02.12.2024 to 11.12.2024 upto 05.00 PM. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in) of the state; and pwd.rajasthan.gov.in department website. The approximate value of the procurement is Rs. 1081.61 Lacs.

UBN No. PWD2425WSOB11183, PWD2425WSOB11184, PWD2425WSOB11186, PWD2425WSOB11187, PWD2425WSOB11188, PWD2425WSOB11189, PWD2425WSOB11191

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The Time Schedule of Second Round of Online Counseling for UP NEET PG-2024

The time table of online counseling for the Second round for admission to postgraduate courses (MD/MS/Diploma and DNB) in Government /Autonomous/private medical colleges/ institutes /universities /hospitals under medical Health is as follows:-

S.No.	Description	Dates	Total Days
1	Date of online Registration fee & deposition of Security Money	12th December 2024 (From 11:00 AM) To (Till Midnight 11:59 PM)	01 Days
2	Date of Online Choice Filling	13th December 2024 (From 11:00 AM) To 18th December 2024 (Till 11:00 AM)	05 Days
3	Date of Declaration of result of seat allotment	20th December 2024	01 Days
4	Date for downloading allotment letters and admission process	21th, 23rd, 24th December 2024 to 26th December 2024 to 28th December 2024	06 Days

- Only candidates registered under UP NEET PG-2024 can participate in the counseling process.
- Those candidates who are already registered and have not been able to deposit the registration fee and security amount due to some reason, can participate in the counselling process by depositing the registration fee and security amount.
- Only those registered candidates who have deposited the registration fee and security amount will be eligible for choice filling.
- Candidates should assess their eligibility themselves as per the provisions contained in the Government Order No. 1/687326/2024 dated 09 July 2024 regarding UP NEET PG 2024 policy and the brochure of UP NEET PG-2024.
- All information related to UP NEET PG-2024 counseling will be uploaded. on website ***https://upneet.gov.in*** and ***www.dgme.up.gov.in.***

(Director General)

Office of the SE & PM, WCDC, Zila Parishad Dausa

File no (1)/WCDC/DAU/MJSA2.0/2024-25/4975 Date:- 29/11/2024

NOTICE INVITING BID

Bids for NRM works under MJSA 2.0 in Block Dausa, Nangal Rajawatan, Lalsot, Ramgarh Pachwara, Bandikui, Baijupada, Sikandra, Sikrai & Mahwa District Dausa of estimated Value INR of Projects as per below table are invited from interested bidders. Other particulars of the bid may be seen on the procurement portal (https://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in or https://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in/) of the state and https://watershed.rajasthan.gov.in website.

S. No.	NIT No.	NIB No.	Name of Block	Estimated Value	UBN No.
1	18/2024-25	WSC2425A0349	Latsot	25623561/-	WSC2425WSOB00747
2	19/2024-25	WSC2425A0350	Ramgarh Pachwara	8855897/-	WSC2425WSOB00748
3	20/2024-25	WSC2425A0351	Ramgarh Pachwara	4688615/-	WSC2425WSOB00749
4	21/2024-25	WSC2425A0352	Nangal Rajawatan	2630780/-	WSC2425WSOB00750
5	22/2024-25	WSC2425A0353	Nangal Rajawatan	2742730/-	WSC2425WSOB00751
6	23/2024-25	WSC2425A0354	Dausa	3991740/-	WSC2425WSOB00752
7	24/2024-25	WSC2425A0355	Baijupada	8762388/-	WSC2425WSOB00753
8	26/2024-25	WSC2425A0356	Mahwa	508066/-	WSC2425WSOB00754
9	27/2024-25	WSC2425A0357	Sikrai	745145/-	WSC2425WSOB00755
10	28/2024-25	WSC2425A0358	Sikandra	3184701/-	WSC2425WSOB00756
11	29/2024-25	WSC2425A0359	Bandikui	11393452/-	WSC2425WSOB00757
12	30/2024-25	WSC2425A0360	Bandikui	6619840/-	WSC2425WSOB00758

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INBRIEF

Jharkhand wins sub-junior National women's hockey

Jharkhand scored a 1-0 win over Madhya Pradesh in the final of the Hockey India sub-junior National women's hockey at the RRC Ground at Secunderabad on Friday.

The results: Final: Jharkhand 1 (Leoni Hemrom) bt Madhya Pradesh 0.
Third place: Odisha 4 (Priyanka Minz, Anjana Xaxa) bt Mizoram 3 (Vanlalrinhlui 2, Manglawmsang).

Ankita and Zhibek lose in doubles quarterfinals

Ankita Raina and Zhibek Kulambayeva of Kazkahstan lost 6-4, 6-7(2), [10-6] to Jodie Burrage and Freya Christie of Britain in the $100,000 ITF women's tennis doubles quarterfinals in Dubai, UAE, on Friday.

Another blockbuster clash beckons at the Kanteerava

Bengaluru starts as the favourite as it looks to maintain its impressive home form while the visiting Kerala Blasters will strive to climb up from its lowly tenth spot in the league standings

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Ashwin Achal
BENGALURU

Bengaluru FC starts as favourite against Kerala Blasters FC in their Indian Super League clash at the Sree Kanteerava Stadium here on Saturday.

BFC will look to maintain its impressive home form, while Kerala will strive to climb up from a lowly tenth spot.

Among the marquee games of the season, a big crowd is expected to turn up and watch the action.

BFC, second on the points table, has accumulated 13 points from its first five home games this season.

Intriguing rivalry: Chhetri's BFC will be confident of getting past struggling KBFC. K. MURALI KUMAR

BFC has found the net consistently at home, and will once again look to Sunil Chhetri –the team's top goal-scorer this season – to come good. Chhetri, 40, is expected to enter the field as a substitute.

Chhetri stated that a BFC-Kerala match is among the most exciting in the league.

"The first time we played in Kerala, I didn't expect it (the fixture) to grow as much as it has. It's one of the best games to watch, whether it's played in Kochi or Bengaluru. People put a check list on their calendar for this match and I'm sure it will be the same on Saturday," Chhetri said.

Inspiration

Kerala lost 0-1 to FC Goa in its previous fixture – failing to score a goal for the first time this season.

The visitor will look to Moroccan Noah Sadaoui to provide inspiration, especially with his clever attacking play.

In defence, Milos Drincic has stood tall and will provide a stern challenge to the BFC attackers.

Magnus claims the Karnataka Police Trophy

RACING

BENGALURU: Faraz Arshad trained Magnus (G. Vivek up) won the Karnataka Police Trophy (1,800m), the main event of the races held here on Friday (Dec 6). The winner is owned by Mr. M. Masroor Alam, Mr. Rohit Raman, Mr. Faraz Arshad & Dr. Arun Raghavan.

1. ALMATTI PLATE (DIV. II), (1,400M): STORM SHADOW (Trevor) 1, Versace (S. Shareef) 2, Supercharge (R. Pradeep) 3 and Valencia (A. Ramu) 4. 2-1/4, 5-1/4 and 2-1/2. 1m 27.57s. Rs. 14 (w), 11, 29 and 21 (p), SHP: 110, THP: 41, FP: 222, Q: 169, Trinella: 1,999/897, Exacta: 4,627/1,841. Favourite: Storm Shadow.
Owners: Mr. K. Harish Nayak, Mr. H.J. Balram, Mr. K. Manoj Kumar & Mr. Aniruddha Mehta. Trainer: Prasanna Kumar.

2. NARMADA PLATE (1,200M): LADY GODIVA (Afsar) 1, Emeraldo (Darshan) 2, Lady Invictus (Tousif) 3 and Flying Brave (R. Pradeep) 4. 1, 3/4 and 2. 1m 16.47s. Rs. 163 (w), 45, 16 and 17 (p), SHP: 35, THP: 65, FP: 677, Q: 303, Trinella: 13,478/4,332, Exacta: 19,248/16,498. Favourite: Emeraldo.
Owner: Mr. Ramesh R. Trainer: S. Shoban Babu.

3. DECEMBER PLATE (1,400M): LUX AETERNA (Akshay K) 1, Basilica (Trevor) 2, Habibti (Antony) 3 and Torobravo (L.A. Rozario) 4. Not run: Adelanto. 3-1/2, 1/2 and 2. 1m 27.70s. Rs. 56 (w), 14, 14 and 14 (p), SHP: 38, THP: 36, FP: 305, Q: 103, Trinella: 646/196, Exacta: 740/317. Favourite: Torobravo.
Owner: Sarainaga Racing Pvt Ltd. Trainer: S. Attaollahi.

4. KARNATAKA POLICE TROPHY (1,800M): MAGNUS (G. Vivek) 1, Elfin Knight (Srinath) 2, August (Antony) 3 and Sassy (Trevor) 4. Nk, 3/4 and 1-1/2. 1m 53.09s. Rs. 47 (w), 16 and 12 (p), SHP: 31, THP: 27, FP: 117, Q: 29, Trinella: 117/57, Exacta: 377/218. Favourite: Elfin Knight.
Owners: Mr. M. Masroor Alam, Mr. Rohit Raman, Mr. Faraz Arshad & Dr. Arun Raghavan. Trainer: Faraz Arshad.

5. KAVERI PLATE (1,600M): VYASA (Antony) 1, Ancient History (Akshay K) 2, Metzinger (Suraj) 3 and Ring Master (Trevor) 4. Not run: Thewhisperquietly. 3, Lnk and 4. 1m 40.18s. Rs. 16 (w), 13, 14 and 17 (p), SHP: 39, THP: 48, FP: 51, Q: 49, Trinella: 158/42, Exacta: 276/136. Favourite: Vyasa.
Owner & trainer: Mr. Darius Byramji.

6. ALMATTI PLATE (DIV. I), (1,400M): THE GALLERY TIME (R. Pradeep) 1, Knotty Patton (Asirvatham) 2, The Strikingly (A. Ramu) 3 and Dufy (Akshay K) 4. Not run: Corinthian. Shd, 3-1/2 and 1-1/4. 1m 28.07s. Rs. 84 (w), 12, 45 and 64 (p), SHP: 209, THP: 124, FP: 2,156, Q: 432, Trinella: 12,433/1,776, Exacta: 17,542 (carried over). Favourite: Monterio.
Owner: Mr. C.V. Prasad Rao. Trainer: Warren Singh.
Jackpot: Rs. 2,60,906 (carried over); Runner-up: 6,577 (17 tkts); Treble (i): 5,842 (carried over); (ii): 2,139 (10 tkts).

After IPL snub, Urvil shows worth in Mushtaq Ali Trophy

CRICKET

Vivek Krishnan
NEW DELHI

In his first 43 T20s, Urvil Patel had never reached the three-figure mark. And then in his next three matches, within the span of a week, Patel achieved the milestone twice.

Not just that, these knocks, in the group stage of the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy that concluded on Thursday, came at such a blistering rate that the 26-year-old now features twice in the list of the five fastest T20 hundreds by Indians.

The first was off 28 balls against Tripura at the Emerald Heights International School ground on November 27, surpassing Rishabh Pant's 32-ball effort for the fastest ton in the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy.

Going big: Urvil was in his element in the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy with two centuries. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

At the same venue on December 3, Urvil smashed a 36-ball century against Uttarakhand.

His exploits were not enough to take Gujarat to the quarter-finals of the T20 competition. Urvil can still derive satisfaction, however, from a run of scores that sees the opening batter occupy third spot in the list of highest run-getters before the knockouts - he racked up 315 runs in six matches at an average of 78.75.

"Power-hitting is my natural game. I look to back myself. I have always played cricket this way," Urvil, who is a wicketkeeper, told *The Hindu*.

Although a caveat about Tripura and Uttarakhand's modest bowling attacks is prudent, Urvil's execution while attempting the big hits was still impressive.

"Playing this sort of game, the execution is very important. My execution and shot selection have become better. It is not like I am going after every ball. That is an improvement in my game, because of which I am getting good results."

If these knocks had come a few days before the IPL mega auction on November 24 and 25, Urvil, who was part of Gujarat Titans in 2023, may have found a bidder at his base price of ₹30 lakh. More than him, though, he says it is his father who is hurting.

"My father is still hoping that I somehow get a chance in the IPL. He is more disappointed. Looking at that has hurt me more," Urvil said.

KARNATAKA ROUND-UP

Big win for Karnataka

Karnataka took out Chandigarh by seven wickets in the BCCI senior women's one-day trophy match at Sultanpur (UP).
The scores: Chandigarh 104 in 40.2 overs (Shivangi 30, Monic Patel 5/20) lost to Karnataka 106/3 in 23 overs (Vrinda Dinesh 44).

Advaita posts new 50m breaststroke record

V.M. Advaita of Basavanagudi Aquatic Centre broke the Group II boys' 50m breaststroke meet record at the XXIII State Short course swimming championship at BAC here. Advaita's 28.51s bettered Akshay Shet's previous mark set (28.65s) set in 2019.

Four-wicket win for RVCE

RVCE defeated BMSITM by four wickets in the 23rd Dr. M.S. Ramaiah Memorial inter-engineering college tournament here.
The scores: RVITM 87 in 23.3 overs lost to RIT 'A' 88/4 in 13.3 overs (Yirbaansh 30); BMSITM 142 in 21.2 overs (Keerhan 26, Chinthan 3/23) lost to RVCE 144/6 in 22.4 overs (Abhiram 57, Neeraj 32, Rishav 25, H.P. Abhishek 4/21); VIT 98 in 24.2 overs (Anikshu Singh 3/23) lost to AIT 99/4 in 19.1 overs (Anikruth 47); RIT 'B' 210/6 in 30 overs (Amith 80, Atharv 30, Vishal Kothari 33) bt RVU 79 in 17.4 overs (Sreecharan 5/15).

Narrow win for Kickstart

Kickstart FC edged out Student's Union 2-1 in the Urbanrise Super Division football league here on Friday.
The results: Roots FC 0 drew with Kodagu FC 0; Kickstart FC 2 (N. Sridarth 7, Dilli Ram 45) bt Student's Union 1 (P. Sunil 49).

Bangalore Friends blanks Germanite

Bangalore Friends HC 7 blanked Germanite HA 7-0 in the KSHA 'C' division hockey league here.
The results: Garuda HC 7 (Magesh 16, Srikanth 26, Sedhu 27, 44, 45, Sathyaguru39, 48) bt Beasant HC 2 (Yaswanth 31, Santha Kumar 46); Bangalore Friends HC 7 (Ashiq 27, Aravind 32, Poovanna 39, Royan Rodrigues 44, 53, 59, Shahanul 49) bt Germanite HA 0.

LIVE TELECAST

Australia vs India: 2nd Test, day 2, Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 9.30 a.m.
Chess: World Championship, FIDE YouTube channel, 2.30 p.m.
ISL: Sports 18-3 & JioCinema, 5 & 7.30 p.m.
Formula One: Abu Dhabi GP (Qualifying), F1 TV, F1 TV Pro App & FanCode, 7.30 p.m.
PKL: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 8 p.m.
Golf: Hero World Challenge, FanCode, 12 a.m. (Sunday)
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